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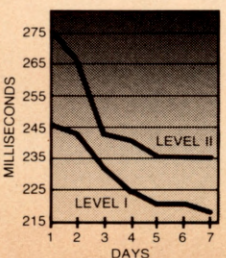

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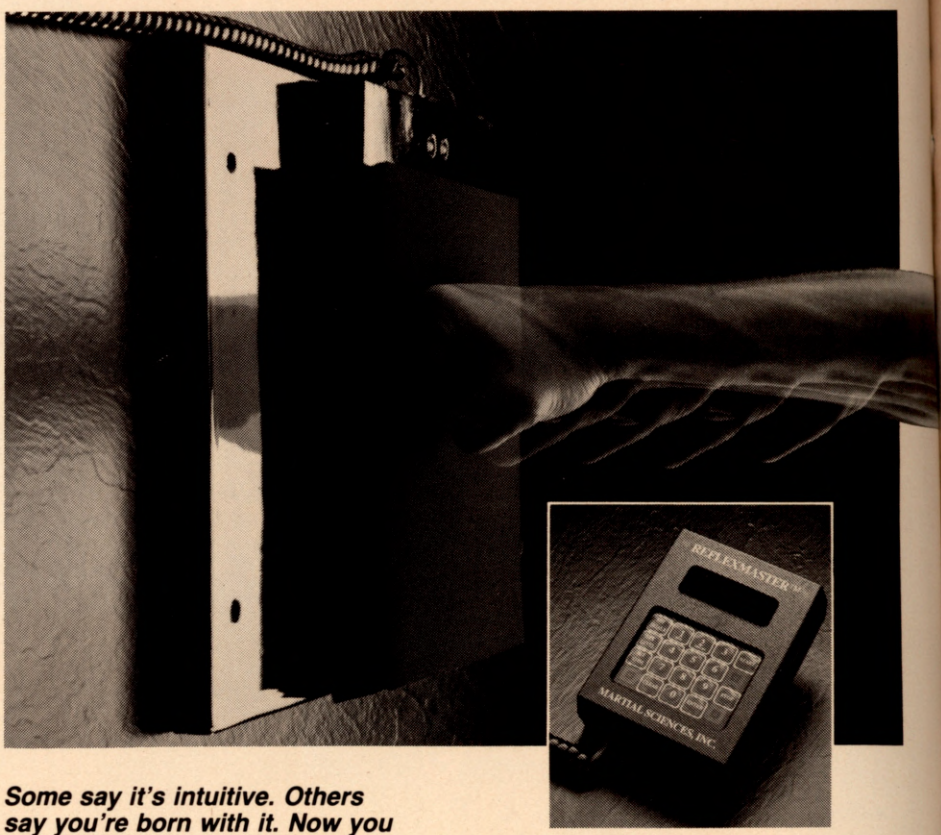

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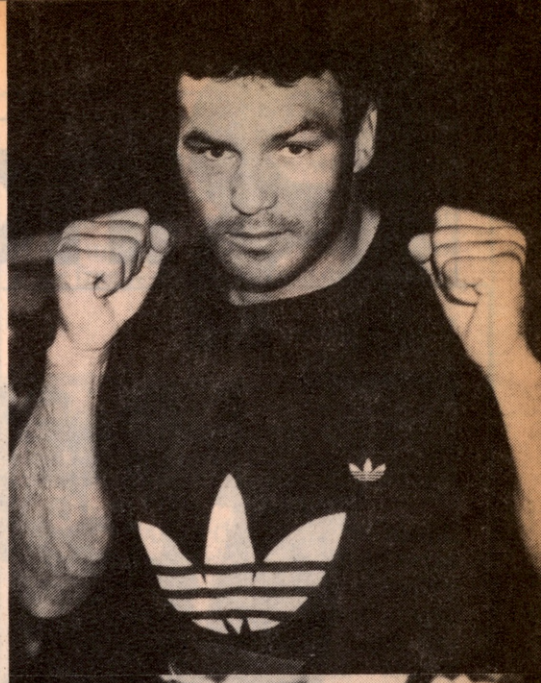

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Sugar Ray Leonard giveth and Sugar Ray Leonard taketh away.

In beating Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Leonard gave boxing a virtuoso performance, an exhibition of the sweet science so brilliant and so unexpected, it may well be eventually thought of as the greatest comeback in the history of boxing.

On the other hand, when Leonard quickly retired again, he did boxing a disservice, taking with him one of boxing's most precious and endangered species ... a legitimate world championship.

Leonard's vacillatory past and the tone of his latest retirement announcement presented *The Ring* with an additional dilemma: Does Sugar Ray really mean it this time? Or will he return 12 months hence to claim the belt when another adversary strikes his fancy?

Not that Leonard doesn't have plenty to occupy his time away from the ring. He has extended his contract with HBO another three years, agreed to do a daily radio sports show for the Mutual network and also signed a multi-year pact with Coors brewery. Whether or not all of this will sufficiently feed his ego is another question.

Sugar Ray explained how he needs a "stimulus" to "motivate" him. He said he would "try" to retire, "give it a shot." He's left the door so wide open, you could catch pneumonia standing in the draft.

However, despite our doubts concerning the sincerity of Leonard's retirement, *The Ring* has little choice but to reluctantly vacate the middleweight title. This leaves us with four vacancies among the eight traditional weight classes recognized by *The Ring*.

Though this is a situation we are uncomfortable with, *The Ring* believes it is better to hold a title vacant than to arbitrarily award it for convenience's sake. In order to remedy this problem, we will be keeping a close eye on not only the middleweight division, but also the light heavyweight, lightweight and bantamweight divisions as well.

The Ring will be looking for matches which preserve the integrity of the title, and wherever possible, acknowledge champions who establish direct lineage with those who ruled before them.

Therefore, I ask our readers to bear with us through these lean times. In due course, *The Ring* will recognize all true champions as they gradually emerge from the witches' brew of split titles concocted by various members of the Alphabet Boys.

Meanwhile, Leonard has left another hole to plug in boxing's leaky dike. It's a shame he didn't care enough about the sport to wear the crown he fought so hard to win.

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COME OUT WRITING

Reader Brad Bentz still isn't convinced that Mark Breland is boxing's next superstar. See "Breland Overrated" for details.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR *THE RING*

I APPLAUD YOUR DECISION TO REduce your ratings to the eight traditional weight classes. While the 13 weight divisions give more boxers the opportunity to be somebody's champion, it lessons the credibility of the few who deserve to be "the" rather than "a" champion.

Along with the added confusion thanks to the Alphabet Boys (WBA, WBC and IBF), the boxing fan is given a choice of as many as three champions in each of the 13 weight divisions. I won't even try to keep track of these 39 championships, but I will be able to follow (and believe) *The Ring's* International Ratings' eight champions.

KEVIN KRULL
Scottsdale, Arizona

MYOPIA EPIDEMIC INFESTS VEGAS COMMISSION

I THINK THAT ALL BOXING FANS throughout the world should award the "Jo Jo Guerra Scholarship for the Blind" to the judges of the Dwight Qawi-Ossie Ocasio fight on May 15. I was in shock. What was the rationale for giving Ocasio *any* rounds at all? His version of a punch was rubbing his gloves on Dwight's head during the numerous clinches.

I've seen some incredible robberies in my life: Ellis-Patterson, Zarate-Pintor, Parkey-Mustafa Muhammad, etc. If you pile them all one on top of the other, they aren't as bad as this one. If the ratings organizations have any backbone at all; they will all insert Qawi in his rightful spot as the No. 1 contender.

CHARLES E. FEARS
New York, New York

Editor's Note: You'll be happy to learn that Bob Lee, president of the IBF, has stated Qawi will retain his No. 1 position in the IBF ratings because of the "questionable" nature of the decision in the Ocasio-Qawi match. However, *The Ring* questions the need for a cruiserweight division in the first place.

BRELAND OVERRATED

I THINK IT'S TIME FOR *THE RING* readers and boxing fans to open their eyes and take a closer look at Mark Breland. Too many are being brainwashed into believing that Breland is going to be the next longterm superstar. Granted, he has considerable skill and power, but he has yet to display the kind of overwhelming dominance expected of a fighter commanding so much media hype. Since the very beginning of his national exposure in the Olympics, all we heard was that Breland is going to be great. Many of the same adjectives used to describe Sugar Ray Leonard are being used to describe Breland. The bottom line of all the hype is that while he did win the Gold, his performance was lackluster . . . hardly overwhelming.

I'm amazed at the general consensus that (Lloyd) Honeyghan will be easy work for Breland. I'd like to hear Donald Curry's opinion on that bout. Wake up fight fans. Don't be surprised if the fragile-fisted Breland drops early.

BRAD BENTZ
Washington, D.C.

THE CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

AS A READER OF YOUR FINE MAGAzine for over 30 years I had never once considered it necessary to write a letter. This all changed on a warm April evening in Las Vegas when Sugar Ray Leonard fought Marvelous Marvin Hagler. The boxing world was abruptly awakened by a flawless exhibition of skills not seen since the days of Sugar Ray Robinson. I refer to the dazzling display by Leonard. He took boxing to a higher plane. I feel that his wonderful performance will go far in influencing the way young boxers approach the sport.

BILL BRYSON
Ontario, Canada

I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD AS one fan who is not fooled and is quite disgusted. The Sugar Ray Leonard-Marvelous Marvin Hagler fight was an obvious fraud and I am in a state of shock because more fans can't see through the charade.

Both fighters hit each other with pitty-pat punches and missed each other on purpose most of the time. The "fight" was obviously a choreographed show that we were supposed to believe was a real fight. Neither man was marked and both looked as fresh as daisies after the farce ended.

The media in general seems content to play the game and accept this as a fight, but this fan wants you to know that not everyone will have their mind played with.

Hagler and Leonard will sign for a rematch and Hagler will win Act II by a close decision. The two-fight ripoff will be completed and the script will be followed to the letter. But I know I won't go see it or care what happens. This fan has had it!

TONY SPATARELLA
Thornwood, New York

Round One

by Phill Marder

GO WEST, YOUNG MEN

If the population of Las Vegas swells suddenly, blame **Larry Hazzard** and his New Jersey State Athletic Commission. Under the direction of Hazzard, the NJSAC recently lifted the licenses of 35 professional fighters it deemed no longer healthy or qualified to continue competing in a boxing ring. According to Hazzard, the list makes up nine percent of the 400 registered to box in the state.

The NJSAC based its decisions on the battery of medical examinations required for all participants in Jersey bouts. But a boxer's record and eyewitness reports also played a major role in the eventual decision to renew or suspend licenses, an indication that those who can pass a physical but can't fight a lick had better look elsewhere to earn a living.

Those suspended can seek to regain their licenses by demonstrating a turnaround in their abilities. How this can be done when the boxer is not allowed to ply his wares is unclear, but you can bet many of those deemed no longer suitable for Jersey rings will pop up in other states.

Now, if the Jersey commission could only do something about the judges and referees in Vegas.

ONE MORE TIME

One last comment on the recent decision involving **Ossie Ocasio** and **Dwight Muhammad Qawi:** Boooo oooooooooooooooooooo oooooooooooooooooooo!

FAN FOREVER

Sugar Ray Leonard made at least one fan for life when he played a vital role in the rescue of a kidnapped, 18-month-old girl.

The suspect in the abduction, Tony Hale Spaulding, wore a Leonard T-shirt and insisted he would tell only Sugar Ray where he had his victim, Alicia Washington. Leonard traveled to Washington, D.C. from his Potomac, Md. home, found out where the baby was being held and the rescue was made.

Though tied to a tree two miles from her home, Alicia was okay. Some day, she'll be able to tell friends how she was left tied to a tree and Sugar Ray came back to get her. Figures—no one comes back like Sugar Ray.

If muscles alone made champions, Michael Williams would have a lock on the heavyweight title. As it is, THE RING'S 1986 "Prospect of the Year" is undefeated but still struggling to learn the finer points of the Noble Art.

PHOTO BY MARC MORRISON

Michael Spinks tunes up for his bout with Gerry Cooney by tickling the ivories in the lobby of the Hotel Inter-Continental in Miami.

PHOTO BY HARVEY BILT

MEDIA BLITZ

Reg Gutteridge and **Norman Giller** wasted little time in rushing "For Whom The Bell Tolls" onto the news stands. The 160-page paperback is the story of Mike Tyson's career from the beginning through his win over James "Bonecrusher" Smith. Included is a capsule summary of all previous heavyweight champions, plus a computer rating of the champs and a complete list of all heavyweight title fights.

For those who don't like to read (anything but *The Ring*, that is), ProServ Television, Inc. has put together a 60-minute television special to honor the 50th anniversary of **Joe Louis'** first heavyweight championship victory. The special, which will include interviews and footage of Louis' most famous fights, was expected to air in late June.

And for those who don't

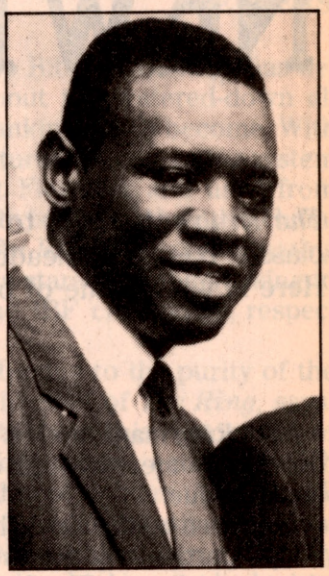
Round One

like to read or watch television, rocker **Warren Zevon's** new album "Sentimental Hygiene" includes an opus entitled **"Boom Boom" Mancini**. That should be a hard-hitting tune.

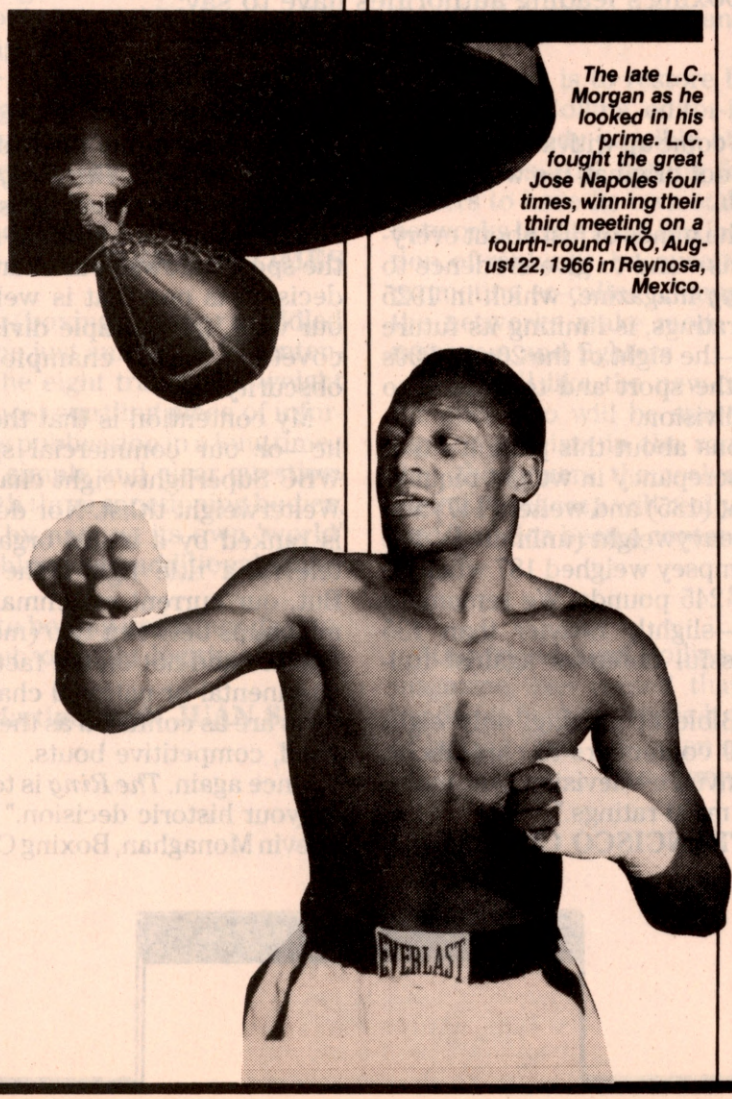
ROSIN DUST

How does an ex-heavyweight champion get his cookies? Evidently, if that former champ is **Muhammad Ali**, he makes them himself. Ali is currently engaged in a new enterprise entitled "Muhammad Ali Champ Gourmet Chocolate Chip Cookies," which is set for nationwide distribution in July. What will **David Brenner** say? And, just to keep busy, Ali is also in the process of opening a high-tech sports car company in Brazil known as Ali Vehicle Industry. Ali said the company will be producing a line of coupe and convertible sports cars known as "Ali Stingers." ... **Sugar Ray Leonard** tested positive for a "eucalyptus-type substance" and aspirin after his win over Marvelous Marvin Hagler. Though use of either substance on the day of a bout is illegal in Nevada, state athletic commissioner **Duane Ford** said neither substance enhanced Leonard's performance. "Maybe we'll fine him $50, but that's about it," said Ford. Leonard should be able to afford that... **Los Angeles Race Course** in Southern California recently held two promotions the same day. The first featured a group called Boxers Against Alcohol and Drugs. The second offered a special price of $1 for margaritas and Mexican beer. Mmmm. Tough choice ... Former heavyweight champ **Larry Holmes** invested more than $5 million in an Easton, Pa. office project he hopes will attract businesses from New York and New Jersey ... Meanwhile, Holmes and another former heavyweight kingpin, **Joe Frazier**, met in the Copa Room of the Sands in Atlantic City where each displayed his vocal "talent" in what was billed as "The Battle of the Singing Heavyweight Champs." Chocolate chip cookies sound more appetizing ... Former middleweight contender **Joe DeNucci** recently was elected State Auditor of Massachusetts ... A Baltimore jury acquitted heavyweight **Reggie Gross** of a murder charge ... Former lightweight and welterweight **L.C. Morgan** of Los Angeles died at the age of 52 from liver complications ...

New Jersey boxing commissioner Larry Hazzard is kicking butt and taking names. Read "Go West, Young Men" for details.



The late L.C. Morgan as he looked in his prime. L.C. fought the great Jose Napoles four times, winning their third meeting on a fourth-round TKO, August 22, 1966 in Reynosa, Mexico.



PUNCH LINES

Ferdie Pacheco, analyzing the Ocasio-Qawi snore, described the action as "a merciless assault on your senses." The assault was intensified when the decision, which Pacheco termed the worst he'd seen in 30 years, was announced.

After watching Mike Tyson punch out Pinklon Thomas, **Sugar Ray Leonard** was asked if anyone around was capable of beating Iron Mike.

"I'm retired," Ray replied, quickly. □

STRONG SUPPORT FOR *THE RING'S* NEW RATINGS POLICY

The Ring's decision to revert to its former policy of only recognizing the eight traditional weight classes has made headlines around the globe. To date, practically all comment has been favorable. Here is what some of boxing's leading authorities have to say:

"*The Ring* magazine has come up with an idea whose time has come. Although not original, it's worthwhile and overdue.

To lessen confusion in the minds of just about everybody—particularly the fans—and to give credence to the term 'champ' *The Ring* magazine, which in 1925 innovated the system of ratings, is limiting its future ratings to eight divisions—the eight of the 20s and 30s when fans could follow the sport and tell you who was champion of which division.

If I have any reservations about this plan, it's that there is too much of a discrepancy in weight requirements between lightweight (135) and welter (147) and cruiserweight (190) and heavyweight (unlimited). *The Ring* replies that Jack Dempsey weighed 187 when he destroyed Jess Willard at 245 pounds. We remember when Henry Armstrong—slightly heavier than 135 pounds—made 17 successful defenses against full-fledged welters.

Let's hear it for The Bible of Boxing: only eight champions and a mere 80 contenders to care about. Now, *The Ring* has to convince television that multi-champions doesn't mean multi-ratings."

Jack Fiske, **SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE**

"Congratulations on your important 'less is more' decision to limit *The Ring* ratings to the eight traditional weight classes. It is a significant move, and I hope (but am not holding my breath) that the rest of the sport follows your example. Believe it or not, your decision is one that is welcomed by NBC Sports. In our view, the multiple divisions have reduced a once coveted world championship into a confusing obscurity.

My contention is that the television watching public—or our commercial sponsors—do not know a WBC Superlightweight champion from an IBF Junior Welterweight titlist. Nor do they care where a fighter is ranked by a world organization. At NBC, we will televise a 'title' fight if the fight is attractive enough. But, our current matchmaking emphasis is on good matchups between two (more or less) equally ranked fighters and not on the fact that a fight is for a world, continental or national championship. Television viewers are as confused as the rest of us and simply want good, competitive bouts.

Once again, *The Ring* is to be strongly congratulated on your historic decision."

Kevin Monaghan, Boxing Coordinator, **NBC SPORTS**

"With all the new and stupid ratings coming out, especially accelerated by the World Boxing Council and their World titles, Junior World titles and Continental Americas titles, a bold new move has been made by *The Ring* magazine, the Bible of Boxing. *The Ring* has decided to go back to the basics with just 8 divisions and has done away with all the junior or super if you will, divisions. A bold step back to reality."

Dave Hartoon's **IN THE CORNERS**

"Stand by for arguments galore when old established *Ring* magazine reverts their world ratings back to eight weight divisions. Since *The Ring* first introduced the ratings system they are entitled to make changes without consultation.

Old Bristolian Editor, Nigel Collins, is understandably fed-up with 40 world champions. He calls the collection of ruling bodies the 'Alphabet Boys.' "

Reg Gutteridge, **BOXING NEWS**

"A recent decision by Nigel Collins, the editor-in-chief of *The Ring*, the boxing monthly often called 'The Bible of Boxing,' is significant.

Collins decided a couple of months ago to limit *The Ring's* International Ratings every month 'to just the eight traditional weight divisions.'

Collins is ever so correct in what he said. If I had my druthers, I would first like to see just one world (title fight) sanctioning body again."

Rosemarie Ross, **TRENTON TIMES**

"In an attempt to clear up (boxing's) rather muddled situation *The Ring* magazine just announced its intention to restore ratings to the eight traditional weight classes. This is by far the most startling piece of information to emanate from this publication in a long time.

It all boils down to one simple and clear question. Do we want to continue with three sanctioning bodies, each ridiculing the public by naming its own 'world' champions and by establishing eight additional junior titles?

Or do we want to return to boxing its former distinction: One champion in each of eight legitimate divisions?"

Mario Rivera Martino, **SAN JUAN STAR**

"It's not a good idea, it's a great idea!"

Boxing Historian, **JIM JACOBS**

"*The Ring* magazine, the leading US boxing journal, has lashed out at the sport's sanctioning bodies and said it would limit its ratings to eight traditional weight classes.

Editor Nigel Collins called the World Boxing Council (WBC), World Boxing Association (WBA) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) and other governing bodies 'self-serving parasites.' "

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"*The Ring* magazine, 'The Bible of Boxing,' has decided to do something about the watered-down alphabet soup that boxing rankings have become. With its July issue *The Ring* is returning to the rating system developed by the late Nat Fleischer and used from 1925 to 1962: eight weight divisions, each with a champion and 10 contenders. *The Ring* is also eliminating the single, double and triple stars it has been using to denote the WBA, WBC and IBF champions, respectively.

'Our point is to restore boxing to the purity of the past,' Nigel Collins, editor-in-chief of *The Ring*, says.

Can anybody possibly object to this restoration of sanity? Yes—the boxing federations, each of which prefers to have its own stable of fighters. Also the TV networks involved in boxing don't want any consolidation of rankings, because they make more money by promoting so-called 'championship' bouts. And when the networks make more money, so do promoters, managers and fighters.

Who will like the new-old ratings? The fight fans, for one, who will be spared much of the confusion that now exists in the ratings. Collins also believes that the boxers themselves will eventually benefit. 'Being *the champ* will really mean something,' he says. And 'I coulda been a contender' will have its old punch back."

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

"Our friend Nigel Collins, who as editor of *The Ring* magazine, has turned that publication around and headed it back to where it once resided in the esteem of boxing fans, has taken a step we applaud . . ."

Wes Moon, **ASBURY PARK PRESS**

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NEW FACES

by J.R. Jowett

HAROLD KNIGHT

FIGHTERS TRADE ON THEIR NICKNAMES like products do on their slogans. In these days of truncated titles and abbreviated careers, there's always some new smart-aleck making his pitch at the short supply of precious TV dates. Managers and publicists have found it doesn't hurt to have a catchy monicker. But for the fans, it can be like a visit to a used-car lot. Oftentimes, "The Bomb" doesn't explode, "Tiger" turns out more like "Sylvester," and "Hurricane" can't blow out a match.

Harold Knight is one of these who doesn't exactly live up to his nickname. But fans will be glad to excuse the false advertising. "The Shadow" conjures up images of some wispy defensive stylist ... or a mauler the other guy can't get rid of. But in Harold's case, it's a play on his surname only. If shadows could hit like him, there wouldn't be street lights!

"He's the strongest at his weight since Sandy Saddler," asserted trainer Don Turner.

Knight is the kind of pure puncher who generates the electricity of imminent disaster. Opponents have few options but to fight for their lives. Just ask anyone in attendance the night Atlantic City's newest casino, The Showboat, opened its doors to boxing. What they got was an act they may never top. Knight and Kenny Baysmore put on seven rounds of action so furious it almost made "Rocky" believable. And when it was over, "The Shadow" was the only one standing, with Baysmore's USBA junior lightweight belt in his grasp.

For Knight, it was a long day's journey. Never well known despite enviable credentials, Harold is a good lesson that ring success depends on more than ability.

"It's not what you know, it's who you know," he states from experience.

A native of Plainfield, NJ, Knight fell into boxing quite simply. An older brother took him to the Second St. Youth Center where trainer John Davenport had a highly talented, but little publicized amateur team. Knight reportedly compiled a 103-13 record and a host of titles that included the Ohio State Fair and National PAL. But like so many, Harold opted for a pro career when his chance at the Olympics faded.

Still with Davenport, "The Shadow," like many unconnected fighters, initially appeared on the legendary "Don El Bum" cards at The Tropicana. Happy at first, Knight later noticed his career slowing down as various backers produced fewer and fewer fights. First the duo of Solerwitz and Leeds, then Vinnie Carlessimo, were unable to move "The Shadow."

"Every time a fight was supposed to come around, something always came up," remembered Knight. "I got frustrated just going through the motions."

Knight became conspicuous by his absence and ringsiders' inquiries were covered by a series of "injuries." The fighter admitted, "There were some dark spots, but I always believed in myself. I put too much into this to give it all up."

Still, he went for over a year without a fight, but enjoyed his work as a youth counselor for the Plainfield Recreation Department. Finally, the stalemate evaporated once he signed with Paterson bail bondsman Lenny Shaw. A tough veteran of behind-the-scenes battles, the hard-working manager had been handling fighters off and on for over a decade. But he'd yet to connect with a real star.

Traveling in similar North Jersey boxing circles, Lenny had known "The Shadow" for some time. When they finally "tied the knot," the new manager ensconced the rusty fighter in his rustic California, Pennsylvania, training camp. There, Harold had to come to grips with one of the meanest, toe-the-mark-or-get-outta-camp trainers in boxing, Don Turner.

The mixture proved a magic potion and in four months, Harold, Lenny and Don have ripped through three savage kayo wins.

Their most immediate task is polishing up Knight's defense. The only difference between the amateur and pro game, the fighter noted, is that the pros demand more power. But having demonstrated that ability with a vengeance, he'd like to recapture some of his amateur boxing skills.

"You always got to work on defense," he advises. "That's how your career lasts."

In his hometown, though, Harold doesn't have much to prove. Like so many small cities, Plainfield isn't exactly in its prime, but battling back off the canvas. The fighter's struggle out of obscurity seems to have inspired everyone. Mayor Richard Taylor recently honored Knight in a civic ceremony.

"I'm proud to be from Plainfield," Harold declares, "It's an all-American city."

Now, if he can just get ahold of Barry Michael, his name might be mud in Australia. □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF HAROLD KNIGHT

Plainfield, New Jersey junior lightweight
Born: December 20, 1963
Height: 5'9"
Manager: Lenny Shaw
Trainer: Don Turner

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1983		
July 5	Thomas Mason	Atlantic City	KO1
Aug. 2	Derrick Swinney	Atlantic City	W4
Nov. 30	Kelvin Louis	Atlantic City	KO1
	1984		
Jan. 15	Darrell Jacobs	Atlantic City	KO3
Feb. 7	Larry Highsmith	Atlantic City	KO1
Mar. 3	Cheo Ortiz	Atlantic City	KO3
Apr. 13	Danny Vera	New York	W6
June 29	Frank Mackey	Hempstead	KO1
Aug. 23	Tim Daniels	Marlboro	W8
	1985		
May 7	Maurice Saalakahn	Atlantic City	W6
June 30	Eddie Miranda	West Orange	KO1
Oct. 16	Tomas Otero	New Brunswick	KO1
	1986 (inactive)		
	1987		
Feb. 24	Rene Resto	Atlantic City	KO2
Mar. 25	Darrell Savoy	Atlantic City	KO4
Apr. 30	Kenny Baysmore	Atlantic City	KO7
	(Won USBA Junior Lightweight Title)		

SUMMARY

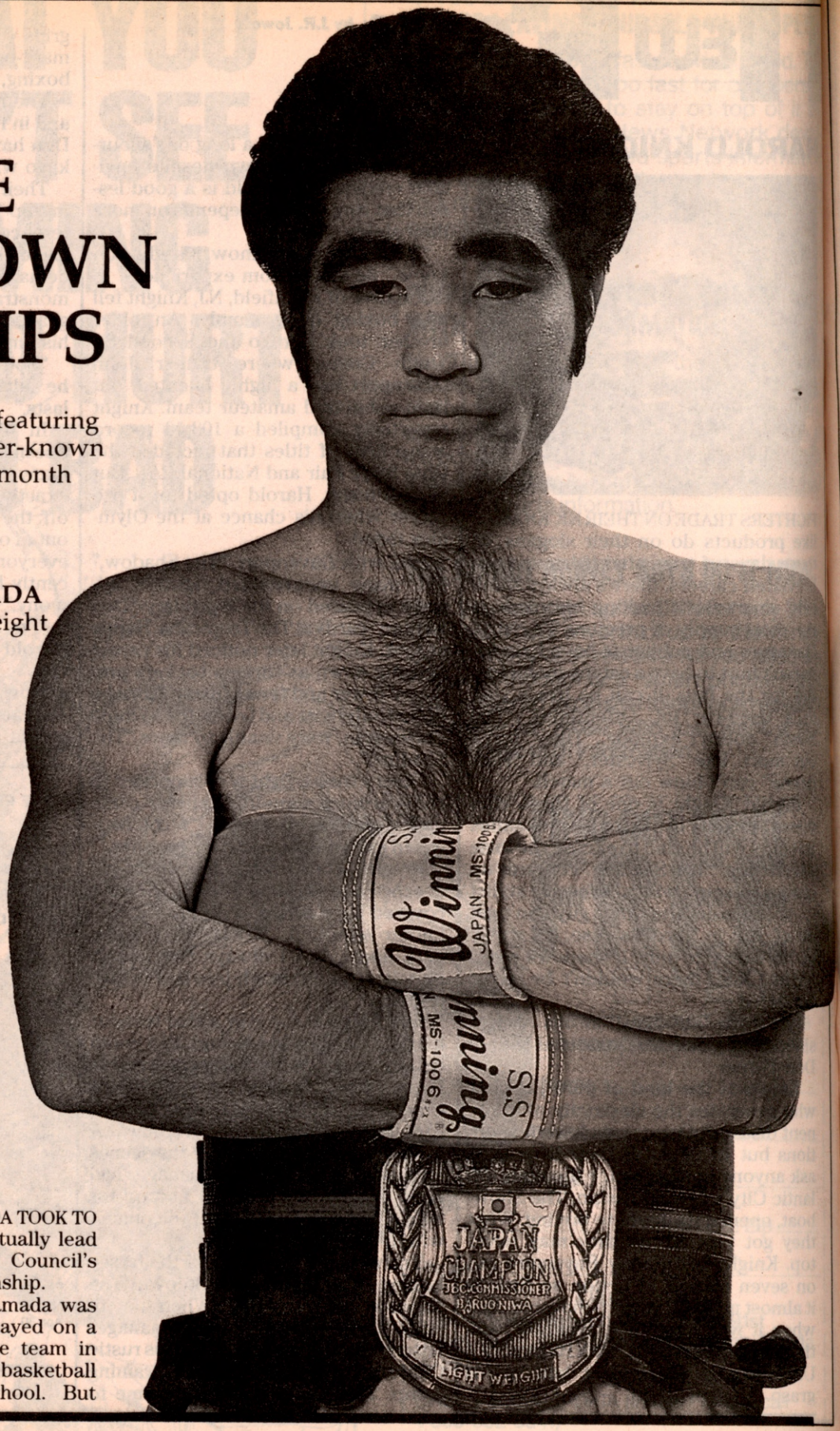
BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
15	15	0	0	11

THE UNKNOWN CHAMPS

Another in a series featuring some of boxing's lesser-known titleholders. This month we profile:

TSUYOSHI HAMADA
WBC Super Lightweight Champion

by Joe Koizumi



AT AGE 11, TSUYOSHI HAMADA TOOK TO the trail which would eventually lead him to the World Boxing Council's super lightweight championship.

An all-around athlete, Hamada was mad about baseball and played on a championship Little League team in Okinawa. He was also a fine basketball player in junior high school. But

Hamada soon discovered he preferred hitting opponents to hitting baseballs and layups.

Hamada's brother, Yuji, was an excellent amateur boxer and the 11-year-old Tsuyoshi was an eager pupil. Soon, Tsuyoshi was telling everyone, "I'll become world champion." Hamada, one of seven children fathered by Shokichi Hamada, who managed a driving school before becoming president of a company that deals with biochemical foods and medicines, was not driven by hunger. His family was rich. But, Hamada's 77-year-old grandmother had an inkling that the youngster would fulfill his early predictions, recalling, "I have 30 grandsons, but Tsuyoshi was the most stubborn and strong-minded of all."

Upon entering Okinawa Fishery High School, Hamada joined the boxing club. His father was soon elected vice-president of the Okinawa Prefecture Amateur Boxing Federation, and Tsuyoshi went about compiling a record of 37-6 with 28 stoppages. Most of his losses were due to points being deducted because of Hamada's roughness and wildness as he almost always tried to destroy his foe with his power. His aggressiveness was beyond the level of stylish amateur boxing, but Hamada won the All-Japan high school championship as a featherweight August 6, 1978.

Akihiko Honda, president of Teiken Promotions, which had produced flyweight champ Masao Ohba in 1973, flew to Okinawa several times to scout the talented tiger. Honda brought Hamada to Tokyo, and the 18-year-old made his pro debut 51 days after graduating, disposing of Norimasa Kakegawa in the second round, May 21, 1979.

Honda then entered Hamada in the annual Shinjin-o (Novice King) tournament for four-round fighters. The winner in each weight class is awarded the No. 10 ranking by the Japanese Commission, which gives him the opportunity to meet name opponents. Hamada, the prohibitive favorite in the junior lightweight division, polished off Masahiko Murayama in the first round of his initial tournament fight. Just 19 days later, Hamada faced current Japanese junior lightweight kingpin Fusao Imai. Overconfident, Hamada tried to stop Imai with roundhouse blows, but Imai boxed cleverly, avoiding most of Hamada's punches to win a hairline, majority decision. Since, Hamada has never underestimated an opponent and the loss to Imai remains his only pro defeat.

The disappointed Honda did his part, too, driving Hamada to train hard mentally and physically, and the southpaw came back with five straight wins in 1980 to enter the Japanese ratings. In 1981, the then 20-year-old prospect added three more victories. But the last, a nine-round stoppage of durable Filipino Deo Rabago, proved costly when Hamada fractured his left hand.

Little did he know the injury would sideline him for 25 months. Several operations were required to repair the damaged mitt, but Hamada kept training, using only his right in workouts. Still, though he was 10-1 at the time of his misfortune, people began to forget, saying: "Hamada? We haven't seen him fight for a long time. Perhaps he has already called it quits."

But Hamada's determination paid off. In 1983, he came back with two quick knockouts and Honda took him to Los Angeles to try his luck abroad. The trip proved to be bad luck. To protect his left hand, Hamada became a lethal body puncher and he flattened Mexican Jose Resendez with a shot to the bread basket. Unfortunately for Hamada, the referee ruled a low blow, giving Resendez the win by disqualification. A protest to the California commission eventually turned the loss into a no-contest. Hamada recalled, "It's never a low punch. I hit the stomach. My fist remembers that."

Another win in the states was followed by a quick knockout victory at home, and Honda figured Hamada was ready for his first international name. The victim was former WBA lightweight champion Claude Noel, who fell in the fourth round.

By the time 1984 ended, Hamada reigned as Japanese lightweight champion. The next year he captured the Orient and Pacific Boxing Federation 135-pound title. Efforts to get Hamada a shot at the WBC or WBA 135-pound champion were in vain, so Hamada went after WBC super lightweight champ Rene Arredondo. He caught him in the very first round, winning the title with a left hook on the button that left Arredondo unconscious for several minutes. Since, Hamada, despite injuring his right knee in training, defended the crown successfully with a 12-round decision over Texan Ronnie Shields.

Winning the championship made Hamada a national hero and fulfilled his boyhood boast. But Hamada remains modest and soft-spoken, reminding one of the old-fashioned word "Samurai." No Muhammad Ali, Hamada never speaks ill of his next opponent. He need not attack his rivals verbally. His fists do his talking.

"I'm sorry not to be able to finish him," Hamada said after his win over Shields. "I will concentrate on my knee recovering and will show my knockout power again. In the near future, I hope to fight the WBA champ Patrizio Oliva in a unification and will respond to the challenge of Hector Camacho, if he wishes."

Either Oliva or Camacho would have his hands full. This reporter has seen Japan produce 25 world champions, but there has never been one as unique or as menacing as Hamada. □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF TSUYOSHI HAMADA

Okinawa, Japan super lightweight
Born: November 29, 1960
Managers: Akihiko Honda and Pol Tiglao
Trainer: Akihiko Honda

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1979		
May 21	Norimasa Kakegawa	Tokyo	KO2
Oct. 4	Masahiko Murayama	Tokyo	KO1
Oct. 23	Fusao Imai	Tokyo	L4
	1980		
Feb. 22	Kunio Taga	Tokyo	KO5
Apr. 29	Katsuo Kazama	Tokyo	KO1
July 1	Shizuo Tosaka	Tokyo	KO6
Aug. 29	Manahiko Okuyama	Tokyo	KO1
Nov. 23	Takeshi Mine	Tokyo	KO1
	1981		
Feb. 10	Takeshi Fukui	Tokyo	KO8
May 10	Verachart Mahachai	Tokyo	KO2
July 18	Deo Rabage	Tokyo	KO9
	1982		
	(inactive)		
	1983		
Aug. 5	Max Boy Toyogon	Tokyo	KO2
Oct. 14	Domy Soriano	Tokyo	KO1
	1984		
Mar. 1	Jose Resendez	Los Angeles	NC
Apr. 3	Greg Triplett	Reseda	KO3
July 12	Rommy Cunanan	Tokyo	KO1
Sept. 9	Claude Noel	Tokyo	KO4
Dec. 2	Hikaru Tomonari	Tokyo	KO7
	(won Japanese lightweight title)		
	1985		
Apr. 4	Downthong Chuvatana	Tokyo	KO2
July 7	Jong Jong Pacquing	Tokyo	W12
	(won OPBF lightweight title)		
Nov. 3	Swarno Perico	Naha	KO1
	(retained OPBF lightweight title)		
	1986		
July 24	Rene Arredondo	Tokyo	KO1
	(won WBC super lightweight title)		
Dec. 2	Ronnie Shields	Tokyo	W12
	(retained WBC lightweight title)		

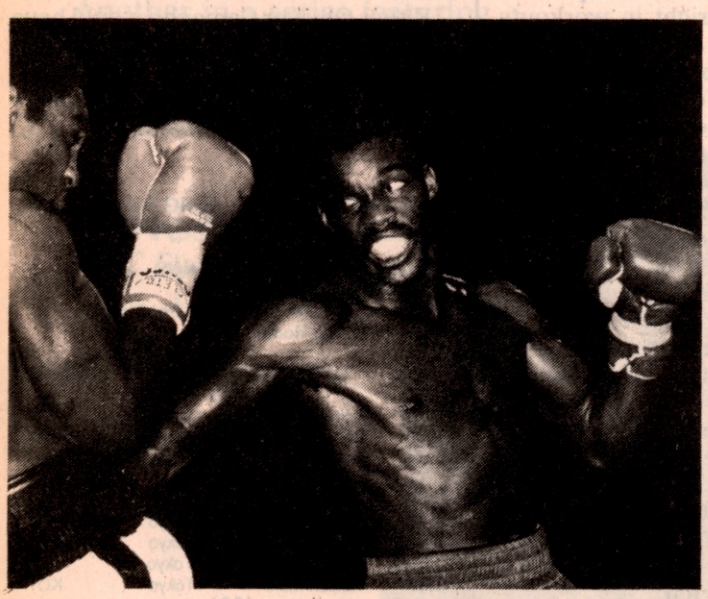
SUMMARY

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
23	21	1	1 (NC)	19

MAKING SENSE OF THE MIDDLEWEIGHT MUDDLE

The Ring Looks At The 160-pound Division In The Wake Of Leonard's Retirement

by Nigel Collins



Undefeated Michael Nunn (right) attacks Randy Smith en route to another victory. Nunn, one of the bright new faces on the middleweight scene, says he's ready for any 160-pounder in the world.

LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AFTER HIS stunning victory over **Marvelous Marvin Hagler** for the world middleweight championship, Sugar Ray Leonard announced his retirement ... for the fourth time since he won a gold medal at the 1976 Olympics. While *The Ring* is taking Leonard's so-called retirement with the proverbial grain of salt (see this month's "Ringside" editorial for details), we are quite sure the Alphabet Boys (the WBC, WBA and IBF) are salivating at the prospect of carving up the title.

As sad as it may be, in a matter of months boxing will probably have three middleweight titleholders. Therefore, *The Ring* has decided to take a look at some of the most prominent boxers in the 160-pound division to see if we can figure out who has the best chance of emerging as the leader of the pack.

THE OLD GUARD

Former champion Hagler isn't about to slink back to Brockton, Massachusetts with his tail between his legs to spend the rest of his days pouting and counting his millions. He's still fighting mad about his controversial loss to Leonard and intends to take out his anger on what's left of the middleweight division. Morris Golding, Hagler's attorney, has already asked the WBA to rank Hagler in preparation for "Marvelous Marvin's" attempt to regain at least a portion of his old title.

The big question is: How much does Hagler have left both physically and mentally following his first loss in 11 years? Did he have an off night against Leonard, or was his defeat symptomatic of a fighter whose time at the top has run out?

Even an over-the-hill Hagler will probably be too much for all but the cream of the current middleweight crop to handle, and although there are some talented young studs out there waiting to ambush the aging ex-champ, none of them appear to be in Leonard's league. Nevertheless, there are several youngbloods—Michael Olajide and Michael Nunn, for example—whose styles are reasonable facsimiles of Leonard's. Should one of them be pitted against Hagler, you can be sure he will study Sugar Ray's title-winning methods in detail and then try to duplicate them.

As the Leonard bout was Hagler's only match in almost two years, it is difficult to get an accurate line on his current form. However, any fighter who considers Hagler washed-up and easy pickings will be in for a rude awakening. Besides the supposedly retired Leonard, Hagler (63-3-2 with 52 KOs) is still the class of the division until someone proves otherwise.

With the Alphabet Boys dividing the 160-pound pie three ways, don't be too surprised if Hagler wins back some part of his old crown. The sting of his loss to Leonard may have left Hagler in a meaner mood than usual when he next steps into the ring.

WBC light heavyweight king **Thomas Hearns** was hoping to finally get a second crack at Leonard and was prepared to try and shed the additional poundage he carried knocking out Dennis Andries. Now that Leonard is at least temporarily on the sidelines, one has to wonder if Hearns would be wise to drop that much weight (about 15 pounds) to tackle a lesser light. While "The Hit Man" has always dreamed of winning four world titles, without Leonard, he might be able to earn bigger bucks fighting IBF light heavyweight boss Bobby Czyz or WBA titleholder Leslie Stewart.

Should Hearns (44-2 with 36 KOs) decide to campaign as a middleweight again, he will make a damn good matchup with any of the top names. In spite of his crushing losses to Hagler and Leonard, Hearns still has marquee value ... and one of the most potent right hands in boxing. A match with Olajide for the vacant IBF belt went up for purse bids, but with Leonard vacillating at the time, Hearns refused the offer.

As we go to press, former undisputed welterweight champion **Donald Curry** is training to challenge **Mike**

McCallum for the WBA junior middleweight title. It is an intriguing match and the winner will be in an excellent position to eventually challenge for the middleweight title.

Until his unexpected demise against Lloyd Honeyghan, Curry was considered a sure bet to eventually move up to middleweight. The general feeling was that "The Lone Star Cobra" might be the guy to hand Hagler his head. Of course, Honeyghan bushwacked him before he had a chance to fight for even the 154-pound bauble.

Though Curry has won a pair of bouts over Tony Montgomery and Carlos Santos since losing to Honeyghan, he won both via disqualification, suffering eye cuts in the process. While you can hardly fault Curry for his opponent's misdeed, one certainly has to question Donald's durability against full-fledged 160-pounders. While it would be foolish to write off such a gifted boxer too quickly, Curry (26-1 with 20 KOs) just doesn't have that look of an unbeatable fighter anymore.

Of course, if McCallum has his way, Curry won't have to worry about anything except his medical insurance. McCallum undefeated (31-0 with 28 KOs) and virtually unknown outside of hard-core boxing circles, started to come into his own on the strength of his thrilling knockout over former WBC welterweight titleholder Milton McCrory earlier this year.

It has been rumored for some time that McCallum is having difficulty making 154. Should he be successful against Curry, a move up to middleweight might be the best thing that could happen to him. McCallum, 31, is probably entering the twilight of his career, but his vicious punching and all-around professionalism make him a hard nut to crack. Providing he gets by Curry, "The Body Snatcher" has the skills to play a major role in the fractured middleweight scenario that is about to unfold.

Hagler's half-brother **Robbie Sims** was hoping to take over as middleweight champ when Marvin retired. Though never mentioned in the same breath as Hagler in terms of talent, Sims has earned his spot in the rankings by beating the likes of John Collins, Iran Barkley and Roberto Duran. His stock slipped a tad when unheralded Tim Williams held him to a draw, but he's since bounced back with a strong showing against Lee Sanders to bring his pro record to 28-4-2 with 20 KOs.

Sims doesn't do anything particularly well, but he owns one of the biggest hearts in boxing and always gives the fans their money's worth with his never-say-die brand of mayhem. For "Rockin' Robbie" to win even a piece of the middleweight title would be a shock, but you can expect him to be a part of any elimination series.

Judging by his impressive knockout over James "The Heat" Kinchen on the Leonard-Hagler undercard, **Juan Domingo Roldan** should definitely be

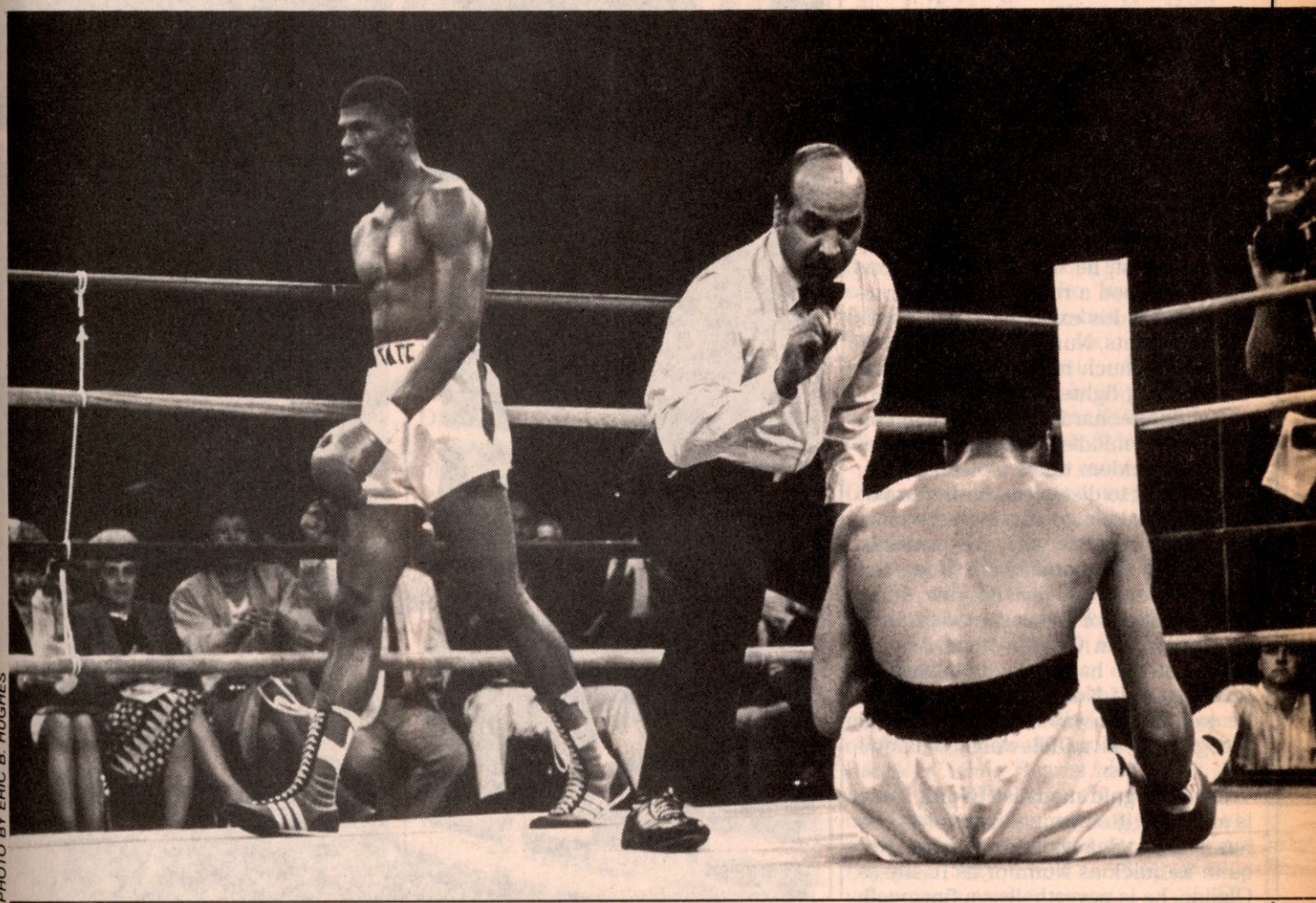


PHOTO BY ERIC B. HUGHES

Frank Tate walks away from Mark McPherson as referee Joe Cortez administers a count in the third round of their bout in Atlantic City. McPherson got up, but was battered and finally stopped in the sixth.

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

right in the thick of the middleweight muddle. As the bull-like Argentine is profiled elsewhere in this issue, we won't go to any great lengths here. Suffice to say he's a threat to any 160-pounder in the world, including Leonard and Hagler.

Rounding out the old guard are WBC junior middleweight titleholder **Duane Thomas** (28-1 with 20 KOs) and the man he won the belt from, **John "The Beast" Mugabi.** Neither has fought since their strange encounter, but Thomas is a solid pro capable of handling himself in top company. Mugabi (29-2 with 29 KOs) remains an enigma. While his murderous punching and stirring, albeit losing, fight with Hagler won him many fans, his tainted loss to Thomas has most observers wondering if the man from Uganda really has his heart in boxing.

THE YOUNG TURKS

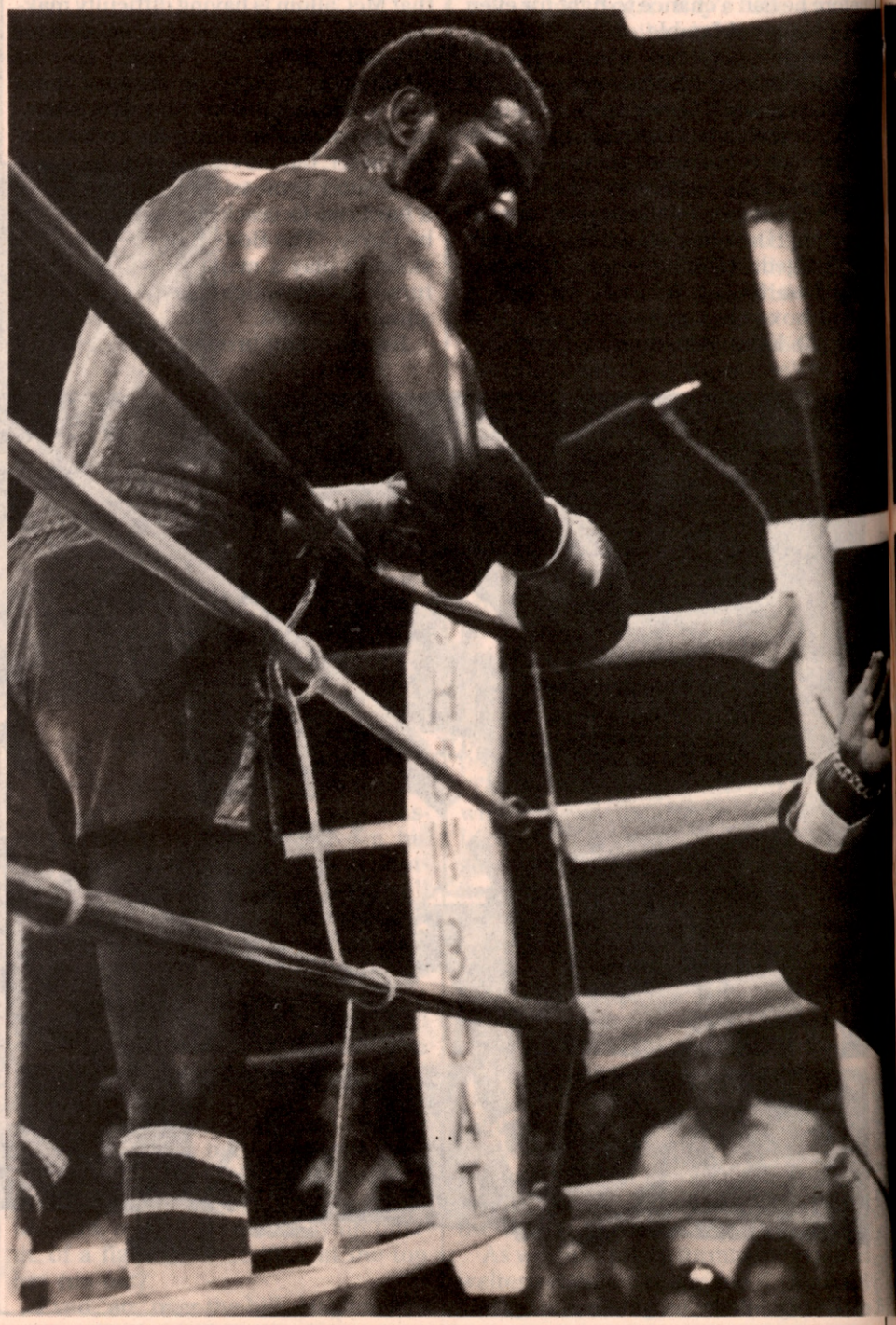
Though **Michael "The Silk" Olajide** (the subject of this month's cover story) is leading the pride of young lions in terms of exposure, he's far from the only bright new face in *The Ring's* top 10 middleweights. Another gifted boxer vying for world-class honors is **Michael Nunn** who fights out of the Ten Goose stable in Van Nuys, California.

Nunn, who has been carefully nurtured to a 23-0 (15 KOs) record, seems to be improving with practically every start. At first, he was overly cautious and developed a reputation as a "runner." But as his experience and confidence mounts, Nunn is gradually turning into a much more aggressive and entertaining fighter.

Besides Leonard, Nunn just might be the fastest middleweight around. Because he seldom takes a clean punch, we have yet to discover whether or not Nunn can take a good rap on the chin. And if he has his way, we probably never will. But somewhere along the line someone will test his jaw. If he boxes Hagler for the vacant WBC belt, as mentor Dan Goosen hints, Marvin will be all too happy to administer the final exam. If Nunn passes, he would be well on his way to at least partial recognition as middleweight champion.

Olympic gold medalist **Frank Tate** is another gifted young contender who has shown steady improvement. Not quite as quick as Nunn or as flashy as Olajide, he is nevertheless a fine, well-

Both Robbie Sims (in the ring) and his half-brother, Marvin Hagler, hope to be right in the thick of things as the middleweight division searches for a new champion in the wake of Sugar Ray Leonard's retirement.



schooled boxer/puncher. Tate's ability to both give and receive a solid punch was aptly demonstrated in his knockout victory over Mark McPherson. He survived a number of early bombs and rallied back to put McPherson, a decent prospect in his own right, on ice with a series of hard blows to the head.

Tate, the star of Josephine Abercrombie's Houston Boxing Association stable, has yet to face a top-notch contender, but his undefeated record of 18-0 (11 KOs) and obvious skills have already placed him among the best in the division. While hardly the most charismatic personality on the boxing scene, Tate is simply too good to be ignored when the future of the middleweight division is being discussed.

The crazed slugger of the division is New Yorker **Iran "The Blade" Barkley.** Here's a guy who admits he goes for broke with every shot he throws. He's also a guy who takes practically every punch his opponents throw at him. It makes for thrilling fights, but you have to wonder how much longer Barkley can keep winning with his kamikaze style.

Barkley's disputed decision over rugged Jorge Amparo was an excellent case in point. Both warriors stood toe-to-toe for almost the entire 10 rounds, trading punch for punch. Many fans felt Barkley was lucky to get the nod, but he wasn't so lucky in another way. His face was so carved up by the time the brawl was over, you could be excused for thinking it was Amparo who should be nicknamed "The Blade."

But regardless of Barkley's defensive shortcomings, he is unbeaten over the past few years (21-3 with 14 KOs overall) and certainly delivers the kind of excitement the fans love to watch. He deserves to be included in any box-off and has the power to kayo anyone he hits cleanly.

Though he lost his unbeaten record to Olajide via a highly disputed split decision, Bermuda's **Troy Darrell** proved he's more than just a stepping stone. He recovered well from a pair of opening-round knockdowns to give Olajide quite a tussle. Besides showing courage and durability, he also displayed the ability to adapt his style to suit the situation, fighting Olajide very effectively on the inside the remainder of their match. Only a big rally in the last round saved "The Silk" from being turned into a sow's ear.

The fact Darrell (22-1 with 19 KOs) had been rather inactive prior to the Olajide bout may have contributed to his slow start and late fade. Providing he stays busy, Darrell, who has the added advantage of having Angelo Dundee in his corner, could be a factor in the wide-open middleweight picture for some time to come.

LONG SHOTS

In boxing, one should always expect the unexpected. Just ask Marvin Hagler. Though we have already discussed the most likely candidates for future middleweight honors, there are a number of other fighters who just might sneak up on the inside and overtake the front runners.

Two of these darkhorses, **Buster Drayton** and **Matthew Hilton,** are scheduled to mix it up in Montreal for Drayton's IBF junior middleweight title. Barring injury or postponement, they should have already fought by the time you read this. The winner will make an attractive challenger for any version of the 160-pound title.

Drayton, who unexpectedly won the IBF belt after years as a globe-trotting journeyman, has done all right for himself for a guy most so-called experts figured was nothing more than an "opponent." A hard puncher with looping shots from either hand, Buster is teak tough and a lot more difficult to hit solidly than one might expect.

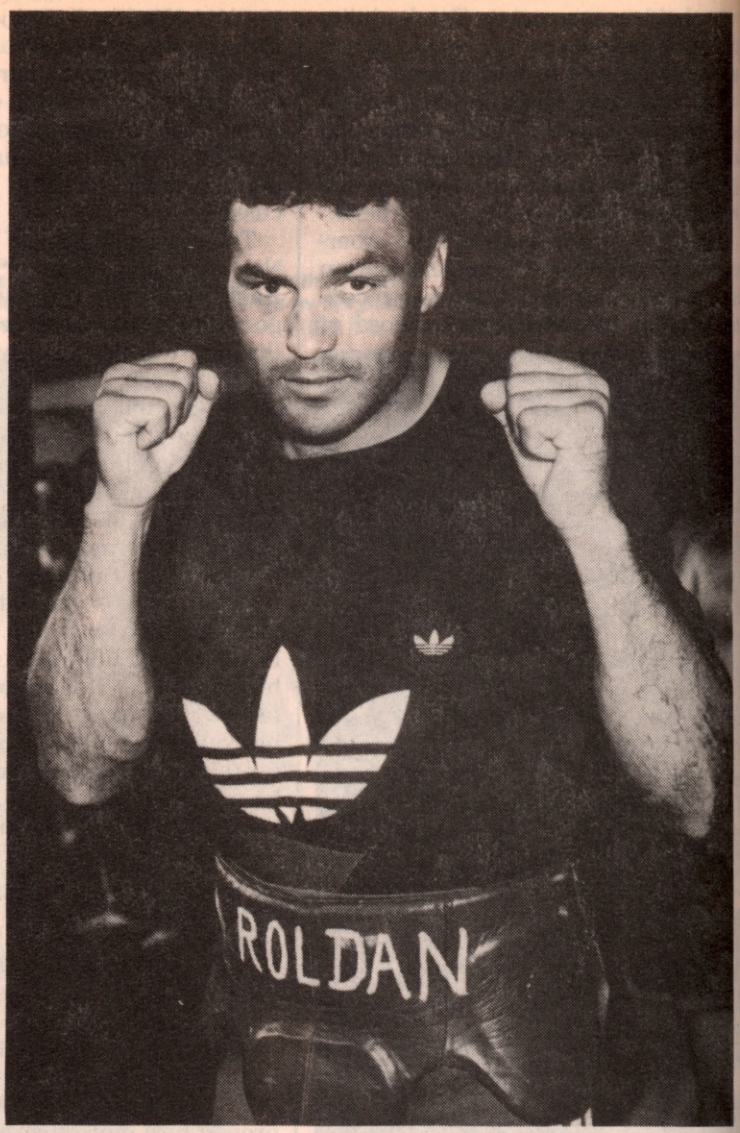
Hilton, on the other hand, is a face fighter, easy to nail, but almost impossible to discourage. His left hook is a beaut and can turn a fight around pronto. Most of Hilton's fights are wars, but that never disqualified a man from becoming middleweight champion, as Rocky Graziano and Jake La Motta would be quick to tell you.

England's **Herol Graham** was riding high in the rankings and in line for a title shot until he took one tune-up too many. In one of Europe's biggest upsets of the year, he was soundly thrashed by Italian-based African **Sumbu Kalamby** for the EBU middleweight crown. Apparently, Graham abandoned his normal "artful dodger" style against Kalamby and tried to turn slugger. It didn't work.

One loss does not a career make, so Graham could always come back. But for now, he's on the outside looking in. Kalamby, who also owns a points victory over Drayton, is virtually unknown on this side of the Atlantic. However, he is rumored to have the inside track on a match with Roldan for the vacant WBA belt.

While nothing is firm at press time, indications are that Olajide will be part of the IBF's box-off (probably against Barkley), while Hearns has a lock on one of the WBC slots. Of course, with the Alphabet Boys running the show, we should be prepared for any contingency. Stay tuned for further developments as they occur. □

ROLDAN RETURNS



Argentine strongman Juan Domingo Roldan kayoed James "The Heat" Kinchen on the Leonard-Hagler undercard to push his pro record to 61-3-2 with 41 knockouts and put himself right back in the middleweight title picture.

Kayo Over Kinchen Puts Argentine Strongman Back In the Middleweight Picture

by Carlos Irusta

WHILE THE DEBATE OVER WHO REALLY won the Sugar Ray Leonard-Marvelous Marvin Hagler bout continues to rage, some think the toughest middleweight to grace the ring at Caesars Palace the evening of April 6, 1987 just might have been Juan Domingo Roldan. Fighting in the United States for the first time since he failed in his bid to lift Hagler's middleweight title in March of 1984, Roldan hammered highly regarded James "The Heat" Kinchen into defeat at 1:06 of the ninth round.

While most American boxing fans remember Roldan as the only professional fighter to ever score a knockdown over Hagler, in his native Argentina he is rapidly becoming a living legend, regularly attracting crowds of over 12,000 fans to his matches.

Roldan was only 17 when fate first selected him for something special.

"A circus arrived in my town and they had a bear," remembered Roldan. "It was a fighting bear, undefeated because nobody could fight him for three minutes without a visit to the floor. The owner of the circus offered 100 pesos (about $10).

'For that money, I will fight the entire circus,' " I said. "It was a tremendous brawl, but the bear could not floor me within the three minutes and I won the money. This was months before I became a boxer, but I said to myself, 'Man, you're really strong.' "

Roldan has come a long way since the day he first tasted fame by outpunching a bear. Today, he is the owner of a big house in his hometown of Freyre, a tiny hamlet of 4,000 people in the province of Cordoba. Roldan's earthly possessions also include a BMW, a van for hunting, a motorcycle, a farm with a large herd of cows, an apartment in Buenos Aires, another house in Carlos Paz (a dream palace, really) and about $500,000 in the bank. All he wants now is the world middleweight title.

Though boxing has brought Roldan fame and fortune, it wasn't always that way. In the beginning he was just a strong kid—nothing more. Shortly after his bout with the circus bear, he went to town to see a boxing show. When one of the fighters could not compete, Roldan filled in and the dye was cast.

"It was a four-round draw," recalled Roldan. "But after that, I felt in my heart that boxing fit me."

He was a hit almost from the start and quickly earned the nickname "Martillo" (Hammer) because of his enormous power. He broke teeth, hammered ribs and threw rivals out of the ring.

"As an amateur, I provoked riots," said Roldan. "A lot of people came to see me. I was very popular. Rene Barrale, a promoter from San Francisco (a city close to Freyre), started to promote my fights. Then, suddenly, Amilcar Brusa appeared in my life."

During those years, Brusa was a highly respected and powerful manager in Argentina. He was the man who guided the great middleweight champion Carlos Monzon, who was from nearby Santa Fe. Roldan moved to Santa Fe and was one of Monzon's sparring partners for a short period.

"He was as strong as a beast," said Monzon. "But he was very young, not experienced. But everybody was talking about his future. He was really strong, man, really strong."

However, Roldan was not happy with Brusa.

"He was always very busy with other boxers, especially Monzon," explained Roldan. "I understood, but . . . I missed my hometown, too."

Once more, Roldan moved home to Freyre where he continued to box under the management of Rene Godillo, a former Brusa assistant. The problem was that Brusa was connected with Tito Lectoure, the manager of Luna Park, Buenos Aires' famed fight venue. This left Roldan out in the cold and fighting for peanuts in the provinces. Nevertheless, Roldan believes these lean years helped him become a better fighter in the long run.

"I think I was lucky. I had a lot of time to improve. Of course, there was no big money back then, no cars. When I married Petronila, I went to live in her parent's home."

Eventually, Roldan fought his way to the capital city.

"I made my first bout in Luna Park on December 22, 1979, defeating Alfredo Cruz in eight rounds. But it was a bad fight, really bad," said Roldan of his debut in the big city.

Roldan's first major fight was against Jacinto Fernandez, a tall and crafty boxer, for the Argentine middleweight crown in San Francisco, March 13, 1981. It was a gala event with many fans coming from Sante Fe to support Fernandez. Even the mighty Monzon was in attendance. Roldan was having some physical problems at the time (injuries to his nose, arm and hand), but made a supreme effort and won the national title with a 12-round decision.

There followed a series of victories under the management of Luis Abba which led to a bout with Frank "The Animal" Fletcher on the Hagler-Duran undercard in Las Vegas. The match was billed as an elimination, and when Roldan iced Fletcher in six rounds, he was awarded a crack at Hagler on March 30, 1984 in Vegas.

It proved to be one of Hagler's rougher defenses. Roldan got off to a good start, flooring Marvin in the opening round. Though Hagler was off-balance at the time of the knockdown and bounced right back up, it will remain on his record as an official, albeit jaded knockdown. It should also be remembered that the right which put Hagler on the canvas was only one of the many Roldan landed in the early going. In fact, many observers were surprised with the ease with which the seemingly clumsy slugger tagged the defending champ.

"After I floored him in the first round, he felt in danger, so he thumbed me," recalled Roldan. "I was half blind. It was impossible to fight in that condition. When the fight was over (a 10-round TKO victory for Hagler), I said to myself, 'It's all over, Juan. No more' . . . I quit boxing for six months."

However, the Roldan story didn't end with his loss to Hagler. Despite announcing his retirement, he changed his mind after bumping into Leonard while visiting Las Vegas for the Hagler-Hearns showdown.

"Leonard told me I was crazy to quit boxing," said Roldan of his chance meeting with the man who himself would come out of retirement a few years later to shock the boxing world.

Encouraged by Leonard's remarks, Roldan returned to action in Argentina, fighting as both a middleweight and a light heavy. He won the South American 175-pound title by defeating Juan Carlos Giminez and stopped former WBC light heavyweight boss J.B. Williamson. Another impressive victory was a two-round blowout over Carlos de Valle Herrera, who had stopped former triple champion Wilfred Benitez two weeks earlier. All told, Roldan racked up 10 straight wins before traveling north again to tackle Kinchen on the Leonard-Hagler bill.

His success against Kinchen has Juan Domingo back in the American public's eye and seriously thinking about the middleweight title once more.

"It was the first time he (Kinchen) lost by kayo," said Roldan, who raised his career stats to 61-3-2 with 41 KOs. "But to fight in Las Vegas again was like a dream come true. Now I want another chance for the world middleweight championship. I'm only sorry Hagler is no longer in my way. I would have liked to fight him again."

Well, there's always the bear. □

Roldan shakes hands with Marvelous Marvin Hagler upon arrival in Las Vegas for his 1984 shot at the middleweight title. Hagler prevailed with a 10th-round TKO, but not before Roldan gave him a run for his money . . . and a trip to the canvas for the only official knockdown of Hagler's career.

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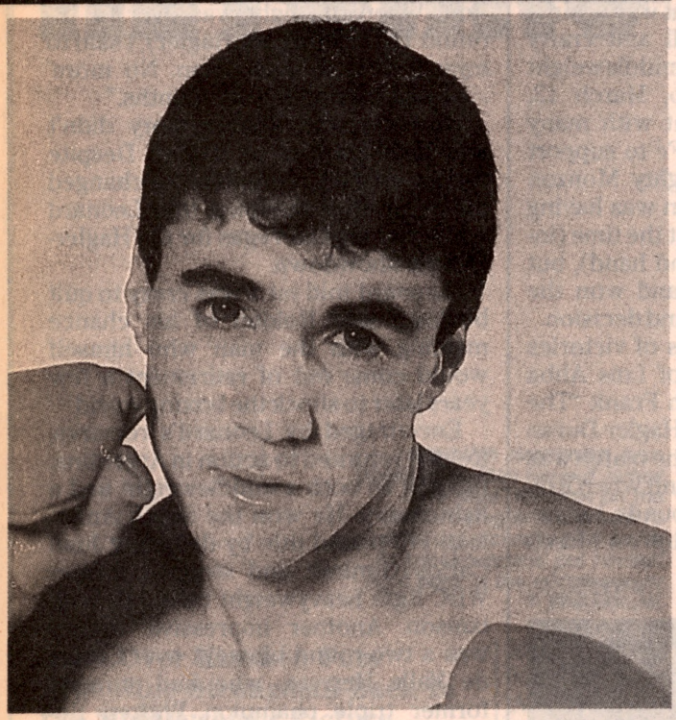
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



Australia's Jeff Fenech is THE RING'S "Fighter of the Month" by virtue of his fourth-round kayo over Samart Payakaroon for the WBC super bantamweight title.

Australia's **Jeff Fenech** wins *The Ring's* Fighter of the Month award on the strength of his spectacular fourth-round knockout of Thailand's previously unbeaten Samart Payakaroon for the WBC super bantamweight title in Sydney. It is the second title for the undefeated Fenech, who gave up the IBF bantamweight belt because he could no longer make the division limit of 118 pounds.

This month's runner-up is American **Kelvin Seabrooks,** who went into the lion's den in Cartagena, Colombia and won the vacant IBF bantam crown with a fifth-round knockout over local hero Miguel Maturana.

A trio of honorable mentions go to Trinidad's **Leslie Stewart,** who won the WBA light heavyweight title with an eighth-round TKO over Marvin Johnson; **Evander Holyfield,** who added the IBF cruiserweight belt to his collection by stopping Rickey Parkey in three; and **Mike Tyson** who defended the WBC and WBA heavyweight titles with a sixth-round kayo over former WBC champ Pinklon Thomas. □

TUCKER-DOUGLAS
Vacant IBF Heavyweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—TONY TUCKER has waited a fair piece for some serious acclaim in his chosen profession, but is it fair to force him to the ultimate just 60 days after his greatest success?

The 29-year-old Grand Rapids, Michigan native fighting out of Houston doesn't mind since his newly won status as the International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion gives him a shot at all the marbles against Mike Tyson for a paycheck somewhere in seven figures.

Not bad for a 6'4", 222½-pound athlete who missed a gold medal chance in 1980 when then President Carter envoked a boycott on Moscow's Olympic Games after the Communist nation's invasion of Afghanistan.

Tucker shook off his lethargy in the early rounds to acquire the crown stripped from Michael Spinks by TKO'ing James (Buster) Douglas of Columbus, OH., at 1:36 of the 10th round in what was scheduled for the traditional 15-round title distance.

Tony later told media he "didn't get to see much" of Tyson blowing away Pinklon Thomas in six rounds following his hammering of Douglas, but he considered "our meeting the perfect fight."

"Tyson has paid his dues," Tucker said. "Now I'll get a chance to gain full recognition by taking both his

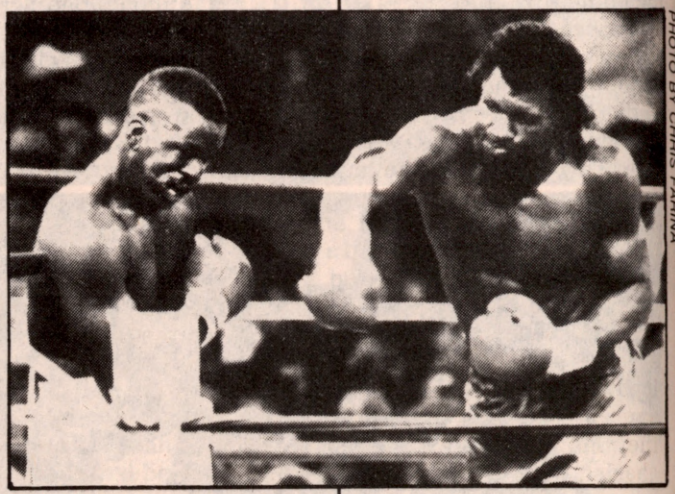


PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

Tony Tucker (right) contorts James "Buster" Douglas' face with a right hand en route to a 10th-round TKO victory for the vacant IBF heavyweight title in Las Vegas.

titles."

Tucker, then the No. 1 contender, was originally down to challenge Spinks for the IBF award in a mandatory February defense, but the undefeated champion from Wilmington, Delaware preferred to fight Gerry Cooney for a mega-million dollar purse June 15 at Atlantic City and wasn't ruffled by the stripping. Spinks was reportedly getting $7 million for facing Cooney.

Tucker's credentials moved to 35-0, 30 KOs in erasing Douglas plus picking up the largest purse of his career at $350,000. Douglas, 27 and 227½ pounds, was the IBF No. 2 contender going in and his wounds were assuaged by a $200,000 purse as his record dipped to 23-4-1, 15 KOs.

Tucker, along with trainer Luther Burgess and advisor/promoter Cedric Knusher of Chicago, acknowledged the slow start against Douglas was attributed "to pulling a muscle in my right arm in the second round."

After moving into high gear in the seventh round, Tucker reviewed his handiwork thusly: "I hurt Douglas with some good shots and I could see him slowing down. He didn't have any defense, but I thought he was just pacing himself for the late rounds. Waiting seven years for a title shot, it puts pressure, lots of pressure on you. But I'm happy the IBF gave me this chance.

"I knew this fight with Douglas was close, but I still had six rounds left. However, it's never over till it's over, and I felt I had to knock him out to win. I wore Douglas down with body punches and then finished it with right hands and uppercuts. I wasn't really trying to hurt anybody, just doing my job. I thank

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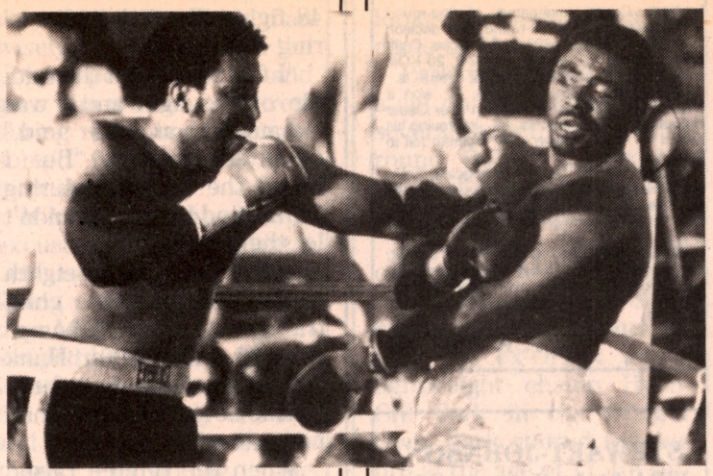

James Broad (left) has Greg Page on the ropes and in trouble during the final round of their 10-rounder in Vegas. However, Page was awarded the decision in another strange verdict rendered by Las Vegas officials.

God that nobody got hurt and that we all got through it okay."

Nevada's licensed race and sportsbook installed Tucker as a −$4.00 favorite with Douglas at +$3.00 almost from the day the fight was announced and the prices never wavered.

However, knowledgeable fight people, local and visiting, felt Douglas, as the underdog, "might be the best bet on the eight-bout card."

The biggest rap on Douglas, a 6′4″ one-time prep basketball star in the Buckeye state, was his alleged dislike for training despite scoring his biggest career win with a 10-round decision over former World Boxing Association champ Greg Page Jan. 17, 1986 in Atlanta.

The son of former middleweight contender Bill Douglas is also remembered locally as an 11th-hour substitute for former WBC champion Trevor Berbick Nov. 9, 1984 when he decisioned Randall "Tex" Cobb in 10 rounds at the Riviera.

"They've always had something negative to say about me at every stage. There's always another obstacle in front of me, but I'll hang in there and keep banging," the Ohioan had said before the fight.

Douglas was banging pretty good early, sticking Tucker with a worthy jab and trying not to give Tony much of a target in his efforts to counter. Douglas' right-left to the head shortly before the bell in the second round was not responsible for Tucker slipping to the canvas.

Referee Mills Lane of Reno had warned Tucker of a low blow late in the fourth round after he had raked Douglas twice with three-punch volleys to the head. The punch had landed on the hip and was of no consequence.

Douglas' punches in the fifth caused Tucker to smother his man in a clinch twice and just before the bell he knocked the former national amateur champion off balance with a left-right.

"Buster" continued to dominate the sixth round, driving Tony into the ropes early with a right-left to the jaw. However, before the bell Tucker began to find the range despite his adversary having built a two-point lead on all scorecards.

Douglas was no longer moving away from Tucker and the latter appeared to hurt him with a left hook and a left-right to the jaw midway through the seventh round. Tucker came on later in the eighth to win the round. Douglas gave as good as he got in the ninth, but Tucker won the round despite another warning from the referee.

Coming out for the 10th round, the two were even. Glen Hamada of Washington state had it 86-85, Douglas, while Chuck Giampa of Las Vegas had the same figure for Tucker. Ed Levine of Florida saw it 86-86, the same tab fashioned by *The Ring*.

Douglas opened the round with a jab, but Tucker went to work, catching his opponent with four chopping rights. Tony then stunned Douglas with successive left-rights, sending him reeling into a neutral corner. Douglas had a hard time keeping his hands up as he tried feebly to feint out of harm's way.

Tucker sent Douglas floundering across the ring with two rights and jolting uppercuts with the same hand. There was no escape and Douglas took two rights and a left and a right to the head before Tony dug to the body with a combination. When Tucker rocked Douglas back into the ropes with a left-right uppercut, Lane jumped in to cancel the evening.

There were mild vocal protestations from a late-arriving crowd (later announced at 12,706) over what it considered a premature stoppage by Lane, but there was no serious protest from Douglas' connections other than the fighter later saying "What do you expect? Tucker is King's man."

It was the third loss inside the distance for Douglas, whose career began in

his native city in 1981. In only his sixth pro bout, the Buckeye belter went to Pittsburgh to lose in two rounds to future contender David Bey Nov. 6, 1981. Douglas didn't lose again until he was TKO'd by Mike White in nine rounds Sept. 17, 1983 in Atlantic City.
(5-30-87)

Promoter Don King's penchant for recycling shopworn heavyweights is getting to a point of public abuse beyond repair.

When the flamboyant New York promoter cries out, "Only in America," he must be thinking how far he can go saddling fight buffs with fat folks like Tony Tubbs and Greg Page, because they had the briefest of tenures as WBA heavyweight champions.

Compared to Page's pathetic effort, Tubbs, 233¾, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Los Angeles, was semi-respectable in scoring a unanimous, 10-round decision over journeyman Jerry "Wimpy" Halstead, 219, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Page, 231¼, Louisville, Ky., was seemingly gifted to a majority, 10-round decision over trialhorse James Broad, 261, (that's no typo) who left Wildwood, N.J., for a Las Vegas base last year.

Broad, blowing hard every step of the way, scored a knockdown of Page just before the bell to confuse ringsiders after the Kentuckian tired badly in the closing rounds.

The 29-year-old Tubbs may still get a shot at Tyson as the latter's hit list will demand bodies with records like 24-1, 15 KOs which Tony raised in the win over Halstead.

Tubbs, whose amateur deeds included National AAU and World Cup titles on a 240-13 record in the mid-seventies, won the WBA title from Page on a 15-round decision April 29, 1985 in Atlanta and lost it the same way to Tim Witherspoon the following January.

There were times when the 6'3" Tubbs with the 81-inch reach showed flashes of that "up on your toes speed" which enabled Tony to serve as one of Muhammad Ali's sparring partners when the "Greatest" was preparing to win back his WBA title from Leon Spinks Sept. 15, 1978 in New Orleans.

Tubbs had no trouble hitting the plodding Halstead almost with any kind of punch he wanted to throw. But for the most part, Tony was content to stick his man with one shot at a time.

Only in the last three rounds did Tubbs ignite some of the hand speed which made him look like a budding superstar in the amateurs, repeatedly sticking the gutty Halstead with jabs, hooks and uppercuts to the head and body.

There were no knockdowns as Halstead's ledger dipped to 41-6-1, 31 KOs, in losing to another name opponent.

In the official scoring, Art Lurie had it 99-92; Bill Graham 98-93, and Jerry Roth 96-95, the only surprise in the Las Vegas judges' votes for Tubbs. *The Ring* saw it 97-93 for Tubbs.

Page, 27-6, 20 KOs, was up and moving from the opening bell against the ponderous Broad, rolling up early points with consecutive jabs. Broad, who is deserving of the sobriquet "Broadax," missed more than he connected early and usually wound up leaning and mauling Page whenever he could get close.

Broad came out firing in the sixth round and gave the crowd some excitement when he drove Page into a neutral corner with a seven-punch salvo. The Louisville product was having trouble covering up, but Broad missed a right and almost fell through the ropes.

Broad appeared exhausted before the round was over and Page actually came back with some effective combinations.

Page and Broad apparently found some gas in the tank in the eighth round and Greg got up on his toes for an instant to rattle the human freight train with several combinations.

Broad, whose log dropped 21-4, 14 KOs, made the decision controversial in the 10th round when he pinned Page in a neutral corner with some plodding rights to the head. Page was spent and tried to cover by bending over, but not before the "Elephant Man" got off one more right to the jaw. Page sagged into the ropes and down to the canvas at the bell.

Admittedly, the once-prestigious heavyweight division is desperate for talent at the top, but not this desperate despite King's orations.

In another action, Phil Brown, 223½, Wallingford, Conn., overcame a first-round knockdown to gain a 10-round, split decison over Mike Jameson, 220½, San Jose, Calif. Brown moved his record to 28-2-2, 20 KOs, while Jameson skidded to 13-15, nine KOs.

Mike Evans, 238½, Chicago, Ill., won a unanimous, eight-round decision over Oscar Holman, 217, Philadelphia, Pa., improving his record to 11-2-1, seven KOs. Holman fell to 9-10, four KOs.

Engels Pedroza, 140¾, Los Angeles, Calif., made it eight straight knockouts as a pro when he chilled Ricardo Rosales, 136½, San Diego, Calif., at 30 seconds of the first round. Rosales is 7-5.

Renaldo "Little Red" Carter, 115½, Detroit, Mich., moved to 8-0, six KOs with a unanimous, six-round verdict over John Michael Johnson, 116½, San Antonio, Tex.
(5-30-87)

JACK WELSH

STEWART-JOHNSON
WBA Light Heavyweight Title

PORT-OF-SPAIN, TRINIDAD—The clock finally caught up with Marvin Johnson.

The only man to win the world light heavyweight title three times became the only man to lose it three times when hometown hero Leslie Stewart stopped Johnson between the eighth and ninth rounds of their World Boxing Association championship rematch.

Only 16 months earlier in his own Indianapolis hometown, Johnson had bloodied this same Stewart, winning the vacant WBA title after seven grueling rounds. But it may as well have been 16 years earlier the way Johnson looked in the return fight.

Only a fighting heart kept the 33-year-old veteran on his feet in this one after a devastating first round in which a series of punches twice dropped the now ex-champion.

Cheered on by 15,000 of his hometown fans in the National (soccer) Stadium, the 26-year-old Stewart battered Johnson through most of the fight.

Johnson enjoyed brief moments midway through the fight, cutting Stewart over the left eye, but his punches lacked the steam that had enabled him to score 35 knockouts while winning 43 of his previous 48 fights. Even the 16 x 16 ring didn't help.

"I felt winded in the middle of the fight and I was exhausted at the end," admitted Stewart. "But I heard the crowd cheering for me and I knew I couldn't let them down."

After a rocky eighth round, Johnson's chief trainer Colion "Champ" Chaney and brother Hank Johnson notified referee Bernie Soto that Marvin had had enough.

When the referee raised Stewart's hand in victory, it set off a wild celebration which nearly turned into another disaster for the Johnson camp.

The ex-champion was lustily booed on the way back to his dressing room where several fans pelted him with oranges and one tried to trip Johnson by wrapping an umbrella around his ankles. Other fans tried to hit Johnson before he reached the safety of his locker.

"I knew the second day I arrived here I didn't have it," explained Johnson. "If the decision had been mine, I would have postponed the fight. But I knew I had an obligation to fulfill and I did that.

"But I don't want to make excuses like Stewart did last year when I beat him. He's a good fighter and I wish him well. But I know when people look at my record over the years they'll be able to judge me on my over-all career."

The $212,000 purse Johnson received should help heal some wounds, especially since it figures to be his last as a professional boxer.

For Stewart, the future is rosy. His victory in the first-ever world title fight in Trinidad made him the second world champion from his country. Claude Noel had won and lost the WBA lightweight crown in 1981.

Political problems, however, nearly denied Stewart his chance at the championship.

The Trinidad government had refused work permits to two Venezuelan officials when it was learned that they had worked world title fights in South Africa. This, on the occasion of a visit the same day of the fight by Archbishop of Capetown Desmond Tutu, made things sticky.

The impasse was resolved the day before the fight when WBA president Gilberto Mendoza removed referee Isidro Rodriguez and judge Jesus Celis, replacing them with Venezuelans Dr. Luis Rodriguez and Julio Roldan. However, less than an hour before the fight, Bernie Soto of Miami was named to referee. Roldan judged along with Nicasio Drake of New York and Roberto Ramirez of Puerto Rico.

At the morning weigh-in, Stewart was 177½ and needed 90 minutes to make the 175-pound limit which Johnson hit on the nose.

If there weren't enough problems, a heavy downpour began at 3 p.m., two hours before fight time. It is the rainy season in Trinidad and it seemed each of the 15,000 fans had brought an umbrella. Ringside patrons huddled under a small makeshift canopy over the ring while ABC technicians tried desperately to protect their equipment.

The canvas was covered immediately with plastic and, to prevent it from getting wetter, it was decided not to start the card until the 5 p.m. championship fight despite the fact that many had been in their seats since the gates had opened at noon.

Even so, there were slippery patches on the canvas.

In the chief supporting fight which followed the title bout, Trinidad's Tyrone Downs retained his Commonwealth featherweight title with a sixth-round knockout over Ray Ackway of Zimbabwe.
(5-23-87)

PARK-MUGURUMA
WBA Bantamweight Title

MORIGUCHI, JAPAN—THE WBA bantamweight title passes through different hands busily. Korean technician Chan-Young Park, 118, wrested the throne as he impressively halted the Japanese defending champ Takuya Muguruma, also at the limit, at 1:26 of the 11th round in a scheduled 15-round contest.

Some 4,600 spectators at Moriguchi City Gymnasium amazingly saw Park's spectacular retaliations from the sixth round on. There were no knockdowns, but the Korean challenger battered the fading champ in the ninth and fatal round.

Referee Larry Rozadilla called a well-timed halt to save Takuya from further punishment. No one complained of the stoppage. Muguruma was totally beaten by the combination punching of Chan-Young. It was a furious war. The 26-year-old Muguruma swarmed over the nervous Park, winning the opening session. Park, 23, the perennial top contender, covered up and threw back few counters.

Takuya had won the vacant WBA crown via a fifth-round kayo over Panama's Azael Moran in five rounds on March 29 last after ex-champ Bernardo Pinango gave up the title suddenly. Therefore, this was the mandatory defense of the new titlist ordered by the WBA.

The third session witnessed a rare happening. A collision of heads dropped the aggressive champ, who stood up but was wobbling very badly. The third man wisely stopped the timekeeper's watch and gave him a one-minute rest during the round. They resumed fighting and Park took the session.

It might seem the loser's excuse that the accidental butt resulted in Takuya's losing coolness. But it was true. Muguruma, having destroyed 19 victims in 25 previous wins, kept punching the face and body of Park and dominated the fourth round. Obviously, the Japanese puncher wasted much energy in his overpaced opening attacks.

Chan-Young seemingly solved the montonously pugnacious style of Takuya in Round Five. He averted the champ's punches with the high guard and by crafty clinches and occasionally countered Takuya.

The turning point was the sixth round. Muguruma continued his body bombardments, which Park endured to retaliate with accurate straight punches.

The Korean dominated the seventh and eighth sessions by clear margins. He scored good left hooks to the rough champ so effectively as to shake him up repeatedly. The defending champ should have used weaving and ducking more in order to make himself a moving target. Takuya's straightforward attack, however, resulted in being a human dummy for Park in the ninth canto. Chan-Young caught him with a series of straight lefts and rights and had him a punch away from a knockdown.

Though Takuya fought back desperately in the 10th round, his previous overpace showed. He looked exhausted and groggy.

In the fatal 11th stanza, Park went for a kayo with a barrage of accurate punches. Takuya was still standing on his feet but looked helpless. Rozadilla came to his rescue.

Park was bleeding from a cut on the skull owing to several butts from the third round. But he showed his greatest joy on the shoulder of his cornerman.

Chan-Young Park, born on June 10 of 1963, raised his credentials to 25-3-2, including eight knockouts. Piloted by ex-Orient junior lightweight champ Hyun-Chi Park in the Dong-A Gym, Park started fighting pro at the age of 17. He suffered hairline losses to ex-world champ Shoji Oguma in Japan, 1982, and to the current WBA kingpin Kaosai Galaxy in Thailand in the next year. Beating ex-OPBF bantamweight champ Neptali Alamag on points in December, 1983, the Korean got rated by the WBA. He won his last 11 bouts. For more than a year, Chan-Young was the Association's top 118-pound contender.

Takuya, a university graduate from the technical department, fell to 25-2-1 with 19 kayoes. Prior to moving down to the bantamweight division, Muguruma had kept his Japanese junior featherweight throne seven times. He may make a comeback as a 122-pounder.

The new champ said, "I could fight as I planned. It's a hard fight, but I'm happy to bring back the championship."

The crestfallen ex-titlist repented of his strategy, "I lost coolness. I was too much anxious to finish him early. My body punches were effective, so I forgot to defend myself but concentrated on just attacking. I hope to fight Park again."

Chan-Young, pocketing $50,000, was the fifth Korean who took the world throne abroad, following Soo-Hwang Hong (twice), Jae-Do Yuh and Chul-Ho Kim. Muguruma received about $70,000 in his first defense. Very jubilant was Hyun-Chi Kim who now manages three world kingpins, WBA flyweight Myung-Woo Yuh, IBF super middleweight Chong-Pal Park and Park. Though Kim himself cried in dropping a close verdict to Ben Villaflor in the champ's hometown in the Philippines in his quest for the world junior lightweight title in 1975, he looks happy in piloting the champions.

Official scores before the stoppage were as follows: Lou Tabat (US) 96-94, Park; Julio Alvarado (Panama) 99-99; Stanley Berg (US) 96-95, Muguruma.

WBA Witness: Julio Cova (Venezuela).
Promoter: Kiyoshi Yoshii's Osaka Teiken Promotions.
(5-24-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

HOLYFIELD-PARKEY
IBF Cruiserweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—WHEN voluble Lou Duva sounds off on Evander Holyfield, he has to be the ultimate diplomat and with good reason. There are many sharp boxing minds out there that consider Holyfield the greatest prize emerging from the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Such opinions can present a sticky wicket for Duva and George Benton, who not only co-train the newest athletic excitement out of Atlanta, Ga., but also Mark Breland, World Boxing Association welterweight champion, and high-ranked heavyweight Tyrell Biggs.

Breland and Biggs were gold medalists, along with another stablemate, Pernell Whitaker, now a lightweight, while Holyfield unjustly had to settle for a bronze award in perhaps the most controversial light

heavyweight disqualification in Olympic history.

Whatever fertile fistic thoughts Duva and Benton harbor concerning the 24-year-old Holyfield's long-range future may be on hold just a tad longer as they ready Breland for a title defense against Cincinnati's Tommy Ayers (reportedly August 22 in Las Vegas or Lake Tahoe), while trying to lock up Biggs' shot at Mike Tyson in September, the assumption being "The Terminator" retained his World Boxing Council/WBA titles against former titleholder Pinklon Thomas.

Holyfield also is ticketed for the heavyweight sweepstakes, but not until he unifies the cruiserweight championship.

"Evander wants to clean up the cruisers first, and that project will take nine to 12 months," said Duva. "We want to train Holyfield right, make him the only champion of the 195-pound class, and then start thinking about Tyson. But that's not until 1988 . . . there's no rush because Evander wants to grow into the heavyweights, not put on the weight just to get heavier."

Holyfield made a big move in that direction the last time he had gloves on at Caesars Palace when the WBA junior heavyweight king acquired the International Boxing Federation cruiser crown with a third-round TKO over gutsy Rickey Parkey out of Atlantic City via Morristown, Tenn.

Holyfield now owns two-thirds of the title and Puerto Rico's Carlos DeLeon, who holds the WBC version, is definitely on his hit list. DeLeon, a slick boxer when the spirit moves him, would be pretty fair box office, at least in Puerto Rico, but Holyfield now has a late summer commitment against an opponent he

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It's all over as Evander Holyfield walks away from brave Rickey Parkey at 2:55 of the third round of their scheduled 15-rounder in Las Vegas. The victory pushed Holyfield's pro record to 15-0 with 11 KOs and added Parkey's IBF belt to the WBA junior heavyweight crown he already owns.

didn't expect. Earlier, promoter Dan Duva of Main Events Inc. had announced the Holyfield-Parkey winner would face Dwight Muhammad Qawi after he disposed of overrated, unexciting Osvaldo Ocasio in a 10-round semi-windup on the same card in Caesars' mini Sports Pavilion.

That bout turned into a monotonous marathon with Qawi swarming after the reluctant Ocasio, whose style was hold or run. But the official decision was even more embarrassing than what happened—or didn't happen—in the ring. Ocasio was somehow given a majority verdict and, supposedly, the right to be knocked out by Holyfield. Dan Duva, Lou's son, displayed great consideration for Las Vegas fight buffs when he announced Holyfield's first double title defense against the 31-year-old Ocasio would be in San Juan.

"We'll take the fight to San Juan because we still owe them one for the robbery against Rocky Lockridge," said Dan Duva, smirking.

The promoter's inference was to May 19, 1985 when Lockridge risked his 130-pound title against Wilfredo Gomez, the island's legendary former double champion who was given a controversial, majority 15-round decision in San Juan.

Later, IBF president Bob Lee, calling the Qawi-Ocasio verdict "questionable," announced Qawi would hold his No. 1 spot in the IBF's ratings, so plans to meet Ocasio in Puerto Rico are subject to change.

After watching Holyfield destroy Parkey, one respected observer accurately likened Holyfield to Ezzard Charles, who held the heavyweight title between 1949 and 1951 and who gave Rocky Marciano the toughest 15 rounds of his career in 1954. Holyfield, 6-1, 188 pounds, shows potential for developing the late Cincinnati Cobra's patented traits—power and punching accuracy, slick defense, counter action, coolness under fire and versatility to alter a fight plan in the middle of a round.

Holyfield displayed it all against Parkey, who weighed 187½ in making his title defense despite having no chance to win Holyfield's WBA laurels in the scheduled 15-rounder. Still, it was Holyfield collecting a $200,000 purse while Parkey earned $115,000 plus $15,000 training expenses.

In an 11th-hour move, the WBA, with president Gilberto Mendoza in session, altered its stance after originally threatening to strip Holyfield if he defended against Parkey because the Nevada State Athletic Commission resigned from the organization April 3 due to the latter's apartheid policies and recognition of South African boxers. After informing the NSAC it had discontinued all ties with South Africa, the WBA gave the fight a special dispensation, but with the understanding Holyfield's laurels would not be risked.

Holyfield pushed his record to 15-0 with 11 KOs, while Parkey fell to 19-5 with 12 KOs. Unorthodox, but with a heart of steel, the 30-year-old Parkey won the IBF diadem with a 10-round kayo of previously undefeated Lee Roy Murphy in Marsala, Italy, Oct. 25, 1986, and returned to Italy last March 28 to erase Chisanda Mutti in 11 rounds in his second defense.

"My best punches were the left hook and uppercut," said Holyfield. "I wanted to key the jab on Parkey, but he moved a lot. He was a different type of fighter than I'm used to, but we prepared for those wild, arching punches that kept coming over the top. I was expecting a lot of things. I wanted to be sure my defense was sharp, and I wanted most of his punches to be landing on my arms, which they did.

"The fight with Tyson will really be the ultimate fight," Holyfield added. "But I want to take it one step at a time and build up my weight. That's my long-term goal."

As for strategy against

Ocasio, the twin-titleholder advised, "Ocasio moves good and he's clever, but I won't have any trouble catching him. I'm not disappointed the return with Qawi was spoiled because he's a good fighter and we could meet down the road. I have no opinion about the decision because we were warming up, and I didn't see much of it on TV."

Though outclassed, the mustachioed Parkey, conditioned by Slim Jim Robinson, gave it his best shot every step of the way. The affable southerner rushed out at the opening bell, telegraphing a left and right hook from the Smoky Mountains. Holyfield had no trouble eluding the shots and by mid-round was scoring sharply with double hooks. Late in the round, Holyfield shook Parkey with two lefts and a right.

Holyfield opened the second round with a left-right-left and three more hooks before Parkey landed a solid uppercut, his best punch of the fight. Relentlessly, Holyfield drove Parkey into a neutral corner with four quick lefts to the head. Parkey was then wobbled by three combinations and grabbed the WBA champ. Though Holyfield set the tempo, the rock-hard Parkey roused the crowd with a flurry to the body before the bell.

Early in the third round, Holyfield jolted Parkey with a short uppercut and a solid left. Three quick rights hurt Parkey and then 11 unanswered punches drove the IBF champion across the ring into the ropes. Dropped near his own corner, Parkey jumped up immediately and then went back down to one knee. He finally made it as referee Davey Pearl tolled "eight."

Holyfield wasn't going to let him get away, catching the reeling, bleeding Parkey with a six-punch salvo to the head near the latter's corner. Just as Parkey was half falling through the ropes, Pearl ended the rout at 2:44.

"It hurts, but I'm disappointed," said Parkey. "I was in a situation I've never been in before, but that's no excuse. In this business, you're up and down. The man beat me, but I'll be back.

"I knew Holyfield was the bigger name, but I didn't care about that," added Parkey. "I was the only one taking the greater risk, but we were both trying to get one unification of the title. We want one recognized champion. That's our purpose, and it gave me something more to shoot for."

Lou Duva was still beaming when the post-mortem subsided.

"Holyfield showed the world what kind of fighter he is, and he's gonna get better and better," said the trainer. "Evander listens. He trains and he does what we tell him. He's always in condition. In fact, sometimes I have to chase him out of the gym. Holyfield still wants to show everybody that Olympic thing was a fluke."

Tim Hallmark, a training specialist, and Dr. David Callo, who specializes in sports medicine, handle Duva's fighters in Houston. They agree Holyfield is definitely a future heavyweight contender.

"With the proper training and time, Evander should be fighting around 211 in the next 18 months," Hallmark opined.

Going into the Parkey fight, Holyfield was already ranked No. 5 in the heavyweight division by *The Ring*.
(5-15-87)

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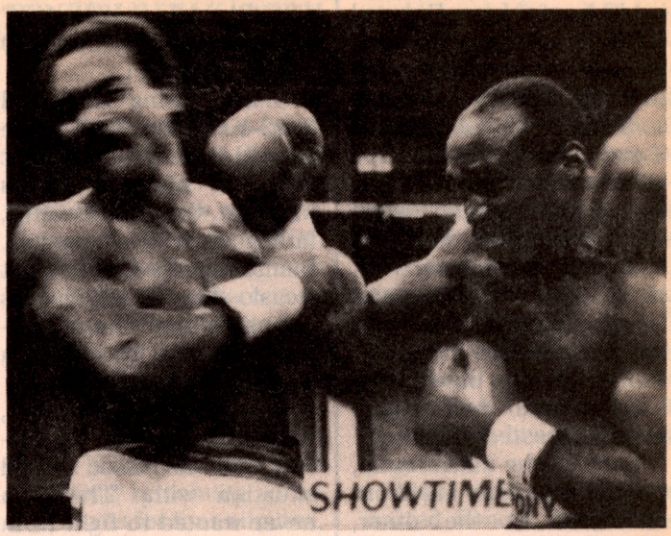

Despite landing shots such as this one, Dwight Qawi came out on the short end of a highly controversial decision against Ossie Ocasio in Vegas.

OCASIO-QAWI

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—IF OSVALdo Ocasio had been of equine lineage rather than human, he might have been at Pimlico for the Preakness rather than Caesars Palace that particular weekend.

Considering the 31-year-old Puerto Rican ran and ran and ran, he could have heard cheers in Baltimore rather than the searing catcalls that pounded his ears in the Sports Pavilion during and after his freaky, not to mention hotly disputed, 10-round decision over Dwight Muhammad Qawi, who might still be trying to figure out what happened.

Fortunately, the protest of an estimated 4,000 spectators was strictly vocal rather than physical after three Las Vegas judges declared Ocasio the recipient of a majority victory. The shocker came prior to Evander Holyfield's winning of the IBF cruiserweight crown with a three-round TKO of Rickey Parkey, a brief matchup that saw more accurate punching in the first two minutes than Ocasio and Qawi could generate in a half-hour.

Qawi, 34, and Ocasio, both former WBA junior heavyweight champions, entered the ring as the respective No. 1 and No. 2 contenders for Holyfield's crown. Unfortunately, only Qawi, "The Camden Buzzsaw," came to create a fight.

The end had to be frustrating for the ever-forward, 5-7 fighter, who also held the WBC light heavyweight championship until he decided to try to unify the title against Michael Spinks, March 18, 1983, in Atlantic City. Spinks won a 15-round decision en route to becoming heavyweight champion.

Qawi, 195½, is an all-action performer. But if the opposition is typical of the 197-pound Ocasio, whose work ethic is to retreat in all directions with an occasional pitty-pat flurry, it makes a long evening for the paying public. Qawi caught Ocasio with a solid left on the chin in the first round and appeared to stun him with a left-right uppercut in the second, but the one-time Caribbean laundry worker suddenly had a fight plan that was a flight plan, and he never came down until the final bell.

The 6-1 Ocasio, who was knocked out in seven rounds here March 23, 1979,

in bidding for Larry Holmes' WBC heavyweight crown, lost his mouthpiece early in the fifth round. Qawi was so frustrated, he stepped on it and kicked it aside. In the late rounds, Ocasio literally turned sideways and jogged away from Qawi, who was constantly motioning with his gloves to "come on and fight." Every time the former Dwight Braxton scored a telling blow to the body, Ocasio half-tackled him in repeated clinches.

Early in the ninth round, Ocasio was running from one side to the other, prompting an exasperated Qawi to try and throw him to the canvas. Ocasio appeared to hurt his left shoulder when Qawi grabbed him. Referee Richard Steele, after sporadic warnings, finally took a point away from Ocasio in the ninth for holding, an infraction Ocasio had begun in the opening round.

With jeers cascading throughout the bandbox arena, Qawi did manage to land three rights early in the 10th round. But at the final bell, the former two-time champ only waved his glove in disgust at Ocasio, who came over to shake hands.

In the official scoring, Patricia Jarman called it 95-95, giving the last round to Ocasio. Her colleagues, Art Lurie and Dave Moretti, scored 95-94 and 96-94, respectively, for the disputed winner. United Press International scored it 98-91, while *The Ring's* card had it 99-90, both for Qawi.

It was hard to fathom the judging, considering what heavy artillery landed was fired by Qawi against an adversary who should have phoned in his performance. There was nothing close to a knockdown and, in a recap, Ferdie Pacheco, who worked the fiasco with Marv Albert for Showtime TV, called the decision, "the worst I've seen in 30 years." Pacheco scored all 10 rounds for Qawi.

Ocasio, lifting his record to 22-4-1 with 11 KOs, came into Holyfield's post-fight interview along with his manager, Gregoria Benitez, father of Wilfred Benitez. Benitez speaks English, but Ocasio doesn't, which was just as well since he was virtually ignored by a media zeroing in on Holyfield.

Qawi, 27-4-1 with 16 KOs, was distraught over the verdict, but dismissed a bad situation with, "The bum never wanted to fight from the first bell. He wasted plane fare coming to Vegas."

Too bad Engel Pedroza, 142, Long Beach, Calif., isn't a cruiserweight. He swarmed all over Joe Luis Mendoza, 143, Phoenix, Arizona, with a variety of combinations to score his eighth straight knockout at 2:26 of the first round.

Anthony Witherspoon, 193, Philadelphia, raised his record to 15-4 with 11 KOs by outmauling Ricardo Spain, 193, Philadelphia, for a unanimous, eight-round decision.

Jim Hoover, 213, Las Vegas, and Hector Fernandez, 185, San Diego, boxed to a Pier Six, four-round draw.
(5-15-87)

JACK WELSH

OLAJIDE-DARRELL

ATLANTIC CITY—THIS WAS supposed to be a warm-up. Warm-up, what warm-up? Well, Michael Olajide, 161, NYC, nearly saw his lofty position go up in smoke in a rare, well-done 30 minutes of hotly contested action due mainly to the eager participation of the heat-seeking Troy Darrell, 158¼, Hamilton, Bermuda.

While both came in with 22-0 records, for Olajide, this one was to showcase his graceful package of talent on national television while he awaited his shot at the vacant IBF title. He managed to escape the inferno without suffering any permanent damage; just barely, that is. Thanks for this can in no small way be attributed to the three surgeons—read judges—at ringside who performed a unanimous minor miracle in bringing him through the operation sans burns of the third degree.

Hoping for nothing more than an annoying brush fire, "The Silk" wove two knockdowns of Troy in the opening round. Little did Mike realize this would soon be a five-alarmer. Between rounds one and two, chief arsonist (second), Angelo Dundee, breathed some fire into his guy, telling Troy to forget about boxing and just get inside and work. And that he did. Lighting his own fuse, he became a house 'o fire, nearly gutting it in the process, blocking all exits as he smothered Michael's vain attempts to ice him. "I went left hook crazy," said the official winner after in reference to the punch that had floored his opponent twice.

The two knockdowns put Troy in a scoring hole he never recovered from. Two of the judges had that session 10-7; the other at 10-8 for Michael. Nevertheless, it didn't stop Troy from a fiery approach. He took the fashion-plate, would-be champion for a fire-engine ride around the ring, only to see his apparent victory go up in smoke; extinguished by the judges.

Darrell embroiled himself totally in his commitment to pull this one out of the fire. Olajide found himself forced to fight Troy on his blazing terms as they engulfed one another in a near hellish degree of will to win. The intensity of the afternoon shot the temperature ever higher as the ardor of the combatants climbed to fever-pitch proportions.

Darrell stuck to Olajide like a hook to a ladder; everywhere that Michael went, little Troy was sure to follow in hot pursuit. "The Silk" was stretched to the limits by Troy's pumping right uppercuts to body and head. Olajide fired back side-arm hooks and high pressure jabs in what had become a towering inferno of work ethic pushed to the limits. Whenever Mike did try to box, Troy would say no way, forcing him back into the scorching action.

Amazingly, after all the energy and effort expanded by Darrell he still was behind on all cards after eight, and even on the old NJ rounds system he would have lost a 10-round, split decision. Based on that, the two knockdowns weren't necessarily the deciding factor, nor was the big 10th (actually the final 20 seconds) by Michael (one judge saw that 10-8, one at 10-9 and the third 10-10; you tell me?) needed to ensure taming Troy The Tempest in the minds of the judges.

This was the kind of fight that should have had no loser, and maybe in the long run it won't. Both will be heard from again. Darrell may have gone home defeated, but he had left his mark; second-degree burns. Scores: Al DeVito, 96-92, William Kostrub, 95-94, and Rocky Castellani, 97-94; all for Olajide. *The Ring* card read 96-94 for Darrell. The referee was Joe Cortez.

In the main prelim scheduled for 10, Frank Tate, 161, Houston, TKO'd Mark McPherson, 260, Lakeview, NY,, at 1:27 of the sixth. Tate (18-0, 11 KOs) just might end up being the best of the post-Hagler bunch; that is if he can continue to comfortably make the weight.

The tall and rangy former Kronk boxer lost Round One on all cards as his pesky foe took it to him behind a quick jab. Once Frank found the right timing however, he took control. He dropped Mark with a right in Round Three and from then on it was just a matter of time.

Referee Cortez halted matters when Mark got hammered into Tate's own corner and couldn't find the room to fall or the space to punch. In his rush to rescue McPherson, Cortez literally pushed Tate completely across the ring. Winner by TKO, Joe Cortez?

Tim "Zoom Bang" Burgess, 134½, Brooklyn, pinned the first defeat on Philadelphia southpaw Anthony "Two Gun" Fletcher, 133, as he won an eight-round, unanimous decision. Fletcher, who was dropped in the third, hadn't seen much ring acton over the last few years due to a detached retina. He was finally allowed to box in New Jersey again after he had gotten the proper medical approval. His record is 21-1-1, while Burgess rose to 11-1-2.

Scores: DeVito, 77-75, Castellani, 78-75, and Kostrub, 76-75. *The Ring* had it 77-76 for Burgess. The referee was Randy Neumann.

Pete Ludwinski, 217½, Lindenhurst, NY, won by TKO at 2:38 of the first round over southpaw Curtis Dudley, 199, Hartford. After boxing smartly for the first two minutes, Dudley was tagged by a vicious right and floored. He

arose, but in no condition to go on. Ref Neumann wisely stopped this scheduled four-rounder.

In a bout that had both boxers turning pro, Cade Johnson, 133, AC, won a four-round, unanimous decision over southpaw George Pendel, 136, Annapolis, Md. Pendel received a small cut near the corner of his left eye. Johnson won by scores of 40-36 from both Kostrub and Castellani, while DeVito saw it 39-37. Ref; Neumann.

Timekeeper: Justin Bucanico.
Promoter: M.S.G. and HBA Inc.
Matchmaker: Ron Katz.
(5-10-87)

JACK OBERMAYER

LACIAR-ROMAN
WBC Super Flyweight Title

REIMS, FRANCE—THERE seems to be little to choose between Santos Laciar and Gilberto Roman.

Last year, the two fought for Roman's WBC super flyweight title in Argentina only to see nothing resolved, the judges calling the bout a draw. The rematch was just as close until Roman suffered a cut in the 11th round that gave Laciar, a former WBA flyweight champion, his second title.

Laciar did the damage with a left hook that split open the left eyebrow of Roman. Italian referee Angelo Poletti stopped the fight on the advice of the ringside physician.

At the time of Roman's misfortune, all three officials had the champion one point ahead.

The left eye proved threatening even in the early going as Roman was cut twice, the result of clashing heads. Laciar, applying pressure, had the edge, but Roman was holding his own and closed the gap as the bout swung through the middle rounds.

Laciar, recognizing the parity between himself and Roman and acknowledging the inconclusive finish, promised Roman a return match.

On the undercard, France's Daniel Londas, who had failed in three previous tries to win a European championship, flopped again when he was stopped in the first round of a scheduled 12 by Italy's Salvatore Curcetti in a bid for the vacant European super featherweight crown. Londas went down three times before the mismatch was halted at 1:55.
(5-16-87)

SEABROOKS-MATURANA
IBF Bantamweight Title

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA—As the year 1987 began, Kelvin Seabrooks was called a journeyman. Now, he is called the IBF bantamweight champion.

Seabrooks, of Charlotte, North Carolina, traveled to South America to face Colombian Miguel Maturana for the IBF championship vacated by Jeff Fenech, who had difficulty making the 118-pound limit. The 23-year-old American returned with the belt, knocking out Maturana in the fifth round.

"I made a mistake and he put me to sleep," said Maturana, who was ahead on all three scorecards despite having hit the canvas in the third round.

Maturana managed to beat the count in that session, but couldn't shake off the effects of Seabrooks' powerful left hook which put him down and out before a crowd of 20,000.

The victory left Seabrooks, who recorded a 185-13 amateur record in qualifying for the 1980 Olympic team that boycotted the Moscow games, 32-13 as a pro. Seabrooks earned the chance to fight for the vacant crown by winning a 12-round decision over Louis Curtis March 1 for the USBA title.

Seabrooks hopes to make his initial defense in his home town of Charlotte.
(5-15-87)

FENECH-PAYAKAROON
WBC Super Bantamweight Title

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA—Australian Jeff Fenech proved he is indeed a great fighter by the manner in which he disposed of defending WBC super bantamweight champion Samart Payakaroon in four rounds before a capacity house of 12,000 excited fans at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

The previously undefeated Thai was knocked senseless, remaining so on the canvas for four minutes, during which time he received oxygen. Later, he was taken to a hospital for observation, thankfully to be released as okay.

Fenech, the current Australian featherweight champion who held the IBF bantamweight title until he relinquished it last December, was devastating during rounds three and four. But the southpaw Payakaroon, ranked No. 6 in the featherweight division by *The Ring*, moved fast and hit hard. Several times, the champion steadied Fenech for a moment and in Round One he did more, decking Fenech.

The Aussie chased Payakaroon from the start, but the Thai was faster so Fenech began to cut the ring space, allowing the Thai a smaller radius. Still, Payakaroon landed a spanking blow in Round One. Fenech saw it coming and moved back, but was off-balance when the blow landed and sat down on the canvas. He was up in an instant, but referee Arthur Mercante applied a count while Fenech stood impatiently waiting to get back into action. He finished the round well.

Fenech caught Payakaroon early in Round Two. Every time the Thai got away, Fenech was there, punching. In Round Three, Fenech would not be denied. He punished Payakaroon, repeatedly punching him against the ropes on all sides of the ring. By round's end, Payakaroon was almost gone. Mercante rushed in and separated the boxers and, for a moment, it appeared he was stopping the fight. Actually, the bell had rung ending the round, but there was so much noise from the crowd it couldn't be heard, even at ringside.

When Round Four started, Fenech flew across the ring, not giving Payakaroon time or space to spit. Every time Payakaroon escaped for a moment, Fenech was on him again, pounding away. Fenech cornered Payakaroon in a neutral corner and unloaded a blinding array of punches from waistband to forehead.

Mercante dived in as Payakaroon hit the floor, out at 2:42. The referee crowned Fenech immediately and the doctor bounced into the ring to attend to the stricken boxer who had just lost his title and his unbeaten record. Fenech added to his victory run, ringing up his 16th victory in 16 fights with 13 KOs.

At the time of the KO, judges Tony Castellano of the USA, Larry Nadayag of the Philippines and Roland Dakin of England all had Fenech a clear leader.

Mercante said later, "Fenech is very good and will take some beating. He is a throwback to the fighters of the 30's with his determination and aggression."

Fenech showed signs of greatness at the start of his pro career, and he has improved with every fight. After his last IBF bantam title defense, a knockout over Steve McCrory last

July, Fenech had to undergo an operation on his hand. It was not successful, and another operation followed. The fight with Payakaroon was to be his first fight in 10 months, but he demanded a warmup, picking strong, aggressive Tony "Mad Dog" Miller as his opponent. Miller, the Australian featherweight champion, had fought a draw with Antonio Rivera, who later won the IBF featherweight title. But Fenech thrashed Miller, decking him in Round One and winning all 12 rounds to take the Australian crown April 3.

Payakaroon received a reported $250,000, but the Thai party allegedly lost most of it backing Payakaroon, who the Thais considered unbeatable.

In the main support over 10 rounds, Troy Waters, 153, of Australia was far too good for American Dwain Lockman, 154. Waters punched holes in a defense that appeared tight, and referee Billy Males rescued Lockman at 2:54 of Round Seven. The stoppage came at exactly the right moment. Another second and Lockman, who was out on his feet, could have been seriously hurt.

Over eight rounds, Thailand's Thongberm Vong Vian Yai, 133¾, stopped local Lachie Williams, 132¾, in Round Six. It was a good fight, but the Thai got on top and decked Williams, who did not recover fully. Referee John Cauchi stopped the contest seconds after the knockdown.

In another eight, Thailand's Downmai Sithopom, 126, dismissed Aussie Rodney Bowman, 125, in Round Five. Bowman is fast on his feet and with his hands, but he is not tough. Referee Johnny Wright gave him a standing count, at the end of which he held up two fingers and asked Bowman, "How many fingers have I held up?" Bowman replied, "Four," and Wright crowned the Thai immediately.

Two locals, Billy Duluth, 114, and Ron Bridge, 118¾, met scheduled for four rounds, with Duluth winning by KO in the third.

Promoter: Bill Mordey.
(5-8-87)

RAY MITCHELL

PARK-HOLMES
IBF Super Middleweight Title

INCHON, KOREA—IBF SUPer middleweight champion Chong-Pal Park barely retained his title by a split decision over Lindell Holmes after 15 hard-fought rounds.

The partisan crowd at Sunin Gymnasium watched with beating hearts as Park, 167¾, survived a fifth-round knockdown to narrowly escape with the scores of Korean judge Kwang-Soo Kim, who saw it 143-142, and Filipino Narcisco Macachor, who had it 144-143. However, American judge Luis Race saw Holmes, 165¼, the winner by a wide margin, 145-139.

The successful defense was Park's seventh since acquiring the IBF throne from Murray Sutherland via an 11th-round KO July 22, 1984. It was his toughest and most controversial.

The two had fought to a disappointing, two-round technical draw last July when an accidental butt had opened a cut on Park, and the IBF recommended a rematch, calling the first meeting no contest.

Holmes started this match with plenty of stinging lefts, proving faster and more powerful than Park over the first four rounds, though Park kept circling to avoid the challenger's solid punches. But the fifth saw Holmes catch the champ with a well-timed right that put Park on the deck. Park tumbled over and took the mandatory eight count. Holmes went for the finish and had the champion at bay, and Park barely lasted the round.

The next two rounds saw the two exchange solid rights, with each being shaken. Gradually, the 26-year-old Park regained his zip and occasionally turned loose between the eighth and 11th frames, rounds in which Holmes should have shown more aggression to guarantee the decision in the champion's home town.

Ranked No. 8 as a light heavyweight by *The Ring*, the Korean hero showed his best in Round 12, landing a strong right which had the challenger reeling to the ropes. Park pinned him there, swarmed over Holmes and battered him with a barrage of left and right hooks.

Holmes, possibly believing he had the lead on points, tried to avert mixing it in the last three rounds. Park, aware of his points deficit, turned aggressive and stalked his moving target. But the results were dull. Holmes was negative and Park wasn't sharp.

When the verdict was announced, Holmes' manager, Elbert Hatchett, angrily said, "Obviously, Lindell won the fight. When we return home, we will protest against the daffy decision."

Park, admitting he had performed poorly, said, "I couldn't fight as I had planned before the game. I took Holmes' straight lefts that prevented me from punching more."

Park, whose 43-3-2 record includes 37 knockouts, was scheduled to make his eighth defense in the United States. That hinged on his beating Holmes and Park's manager mentioned canceling that trip after Park's hairline victory. Holmes fell to 33-4-1 with 31 knockouts.

The IBF should order a third encounter in the near future.

The semifinal saw Hang Park, former Korean junior lightweight champ at 132¼, outpoint Filipino Luis Milado, 131, in 10. Park, the KBC's top lightweight contender, is 20-4-1 with eight KOs, while Milado fell to 43-8-4 with 15 KOs.

Promoter: Hyun-Chi Kim's Dong-A Promotions.

Referee: Abraham Pacheco.
IBF Witness:: Bill Brennan.
(5-3-87)

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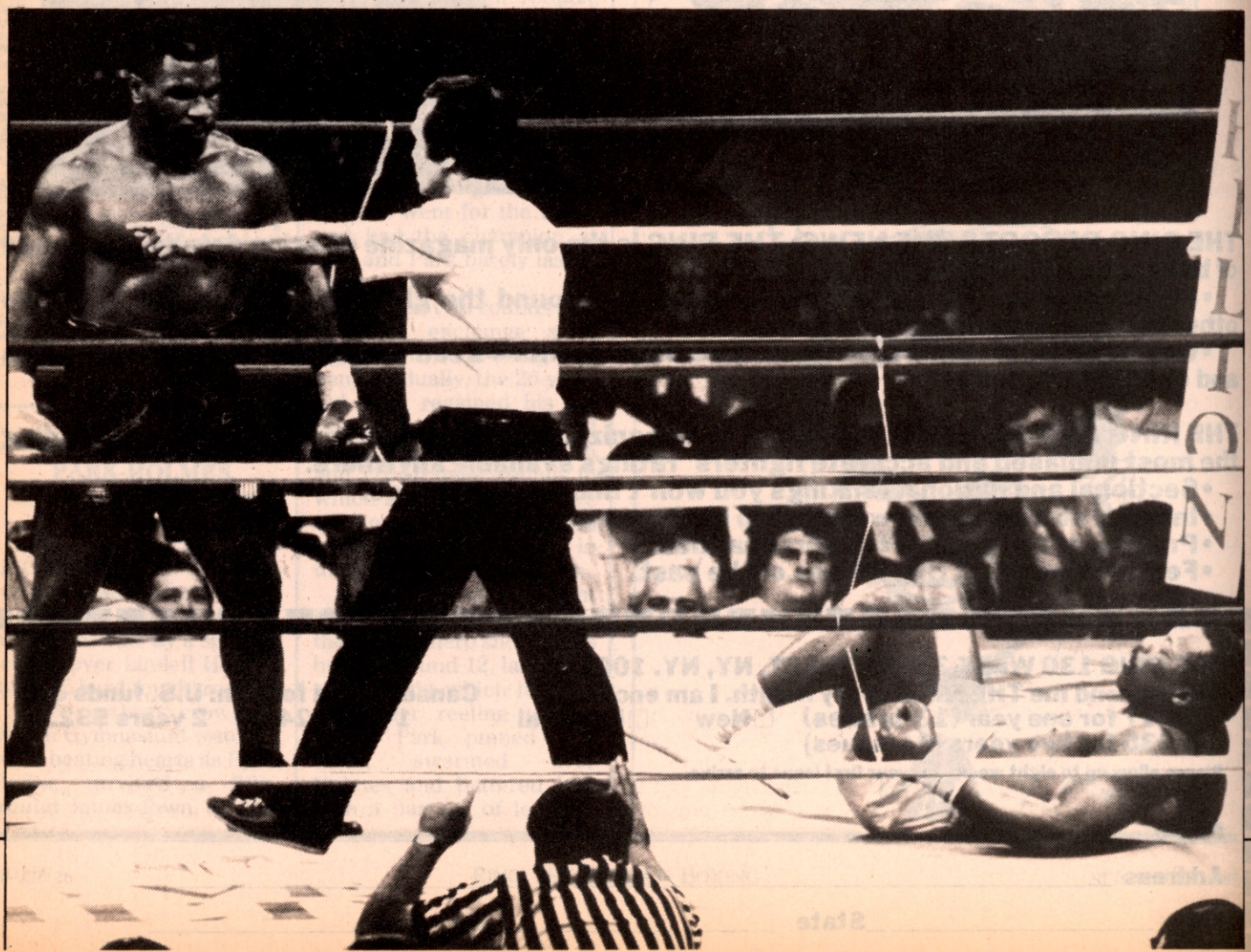
Referee Carlos Padilla directs Mike Tyson to a neutral corner following the savage left hook which put Pinklon Thomas down and out in the sixth round of their battle for Tyson's WBC and WBA heavyweight titles.

TYSON TAMES THOMAS

Boxing Experiment Fails As Tyson Reverts to Slugging

by Jack Welsh



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SOMETIME AROUND 1947 WHEN ROCCO Francis Marchegiano was making a move to become Rocky Marciano, pure fist-fighter and ultimately never-beaten world heavyweight champion, somebody got Al Weill's ear about the kid's future.

The concerned party might have been currying Weill's favor for one reason or another during a stopover in New York. Whatever, he did get the bespectacled fight manager's head out of the *Racing Form*. And nobody knows for sure whether it was shock or feigned interest over a suggestion to "forget about the kid's slugging, teach him how to box."

The suggester may have been an enemy in bookmaker's clothing considering the stubby-armed Marciano was never going to be taller than 5'10" and was as natively crude as the leather his poppa turned into shoes back in Brockton, Massachusetts.

Other than manipulating Marciano toward gold, glory and legend, Weill's prime existence was reportedly for the daily double at Belmont, Aqueduct or Saratoga. The fact Al took the time to lay the idea on Charley Goldman, Rocky's trainer, borders on the monumental in itself.

As the story goes, the gnome-like, tin-eared Goldman gave courtesy to the thought about 20 minutes one afternoon at Stillman's gym, turned to Weill and, with wide-open arms, shrugged and asked, "Why?"

Considering history, why indeed?

A touch of that intriguing tableau, now four decades in the breasts of fistic historians, surfaced indirectly earlier this summer when Mike Tyson returned to Las Vegas to slightly irritate his connections by doing things his way in the total annihilation of Pinklon Thomas inside six rounds.

Tyson, only an inch taller than Marciano at best, but with the same chilling power, privately considered the defense of his World Boxing Council/World Boxing Association heavyweight titles a moment for redemption when 12,706 spectators turned out to build a $2.9 million live gate at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel.

It was a month before Mike's 21st birthday (on June 30) but from within, he might have been a sulking teenager with a bad report card. After all, promoter Don King had him working again in the same venue where there were few plus marks when James "Bonecrusher" Smith took him 12 horrid rounds in a rock-and-hold marathon last March. It had been a total embarrassment to the paying public and two men advertised as partial heavyweight champions, especially Smith who seemed willing to blow the WBA crown just to finish on his feet.

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Tyson's coup de grace delivery to Thomas' jaw mixed the desert air with blood and sweat, dropping Pinklon flat on his back near his conqueror's corner.

Tyson vowed no challenger would ever place him in such jeopardy again (the incomparable Joe Louis made such a pledge stick after Max Schmeling kayoed him in 1936), but in handing Thomas, a former WBC champion, a thorough beating, the kid klouter from Catskill, New York, couldn't be accused of obediently following trainer Kevin Rooney's instructions to the letter.

Jim Jacobs, who co-manages the dual champion along with Bill Cayton, wisely had Rooney and other aides bringing Tyson to this desert oasis of chance a month before the fight, a ritual which started in earnest when he destroyed Trevor Berbick last November in two rounds to win the WBC version.

Tyson, with the natural touch of a loner, loves the arid, low-humidity climate for conditioning and isn't distracted by the 24-hour glitz of Vegas. Away from the ring, Rooney sequesters the champ in the same private home every trip.

Rooney, a former welterweight himself in the late Cus D'Amato stable, retiring in 1985 to concentrate on Tyson when Cus died, still feels the hackles rise on his Irish neck whenever the media depicts the champ strictly as a slugger.

Leading up to the Pinklon Thomas putdown, Kevin had one theme song: "People probably don't realize it but Mike's a boxer. He has a great jab and I want him to use it more along with head feints and then go to the body."

Maybe one of America's youngest athlete-millionaires will get back to basics when he returns to the Las Vegas Hilton August 1 to tackle undefeated Tony Tucker. But sure as shamrocks grow in Ireland, Rooney will be back on Mike's case when training resumes. And right or wrong, Kevin may find it wasted energy since Tyson's destiny may never be one of fluid combat in the mold of Muhammad Ali (that's an unfair comparison) or Larry Holmes, but rather like Marciano—just keep punching until one man falls.

When Tyson, 218¾, went for the jugular in the opening three minutes and Thomas, 217¾, was still standing, though tottering, Mike seemed to bite his lip in dismay. Thomas, 29, wasn't looking much like the WBC's top contender, but he did string together enough jabs and a glancing right to win the fifth round on judge Harry Gibbs' scorecard. That Pinklon might remotely get back in the fight only had Rooney wailing louder than a Mickey of that name once did in those Andy Hardy movies.

Tyson, earning $2.5 million for the night, was later to say he was not pleased in recording his 30th straight victory, the 27th inside the distance. And neither was Rooney, insinuating the dynamic champion still has "a few things to learn—like listening."

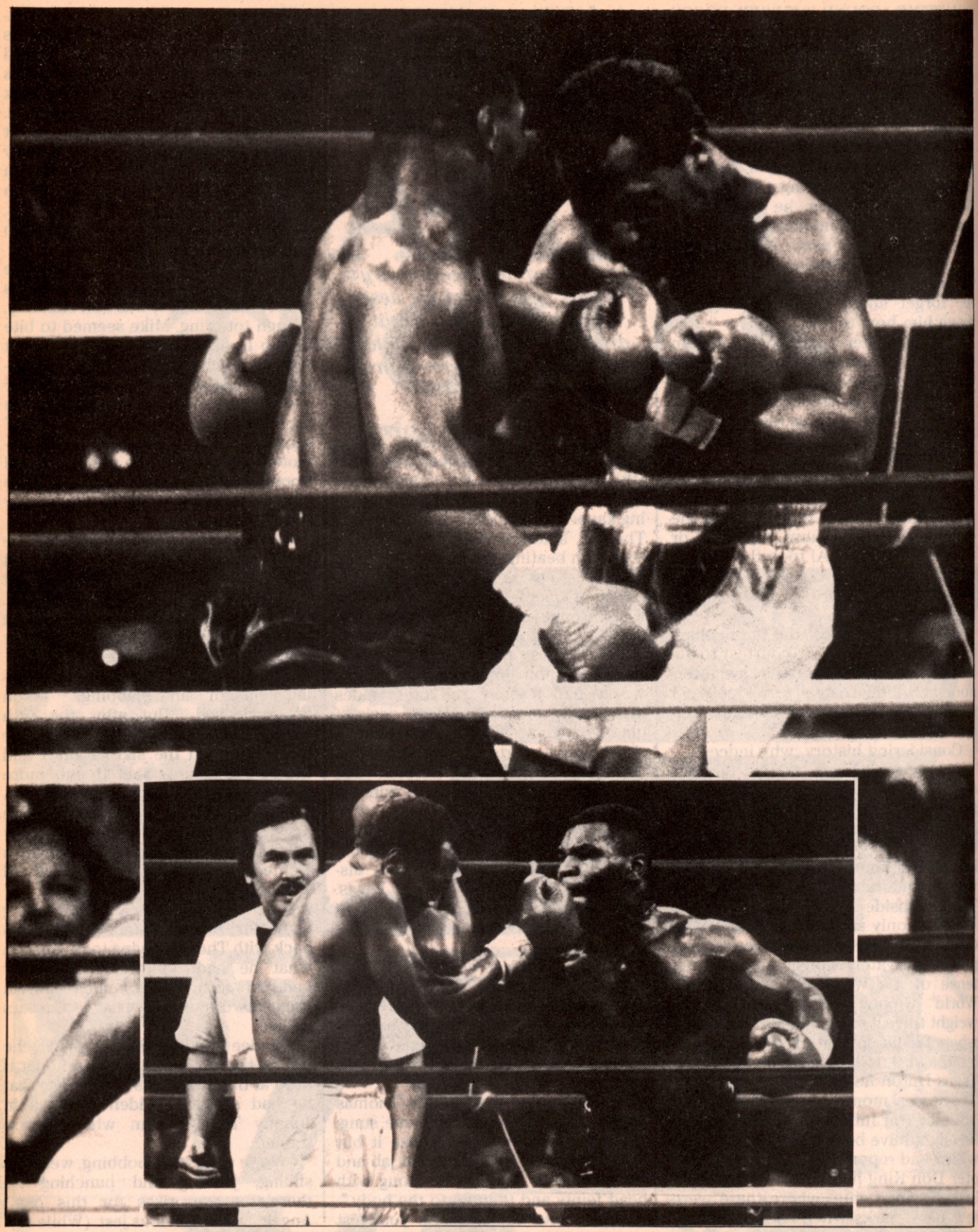
"Kevin was upset with me not punching enough and jabbing," Tyson acknowledged. "But after the fifth round, I asked him to let me do one more thing (in the sixth round) and then I'd listen. I wanted one more round of keeping on the pressure. Thomas was very tired, and although he was taking some great shots, I knew he couldn't take many more. Kevin wanted me to box and jab and I wanted to land the bombs."

It turned out to be a disconcerting night for Angelo Dundee, who was back with Thomas trying to do for him what he had done for Sugar Ray Leonard against Marvelous Marvin Hagler two months earlier at Caesars Palace.

Dundee tried to do a little psyche job on the Tyson camp when he let it drop at the final press conference that he had secretly hidden cameras in Johnny Tocco's gym where Tyson trained.

"We've seen Mike bobbing, weaving, sliding, jabbing and punching ... there's no surprises for this one," Angelo said in obvious jest. (While few

(Below) Thomas sags as Tyson nails him with a left hook. Though "Iron Mike" sleepwalked through the second, third, fourth and fifth rounds, he came alive in the sixth to finish his challenger with a blistering volley.



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(Inset) A right from Tyson has Thomas covering up in the first round of their Las Vegas encounter. Thomas, a former WBC titleholder, had a rocky opening round and never really threatened to take the titles.

media types took the bait, Tocco told *The Ring* Dundee had called him to explain the ruse before he ever uttered a word in public.)

Jacobs, also a fight historian and possessor of practically every major fight film in existence, may have had the last laugh, declaring: "I have high regard for Angelo Dundee, but I'd hate to think of the effect it would have on any fighter facing Mike Tyson to see him in training."

Ploy No. 2 may have arrived in the sixth round when Dundee discovered Thomas' left glove was tearing at the base of the thumb. Angelo pooh-poohed any allegations he might have cut the glove on purpose to give the wearying Thomas an extra breather (both fighters enjoyed a bonus 1:38 in their corners), insisting "the glove was poor workmanship and I told them earlier to have another glove ready."

If Dundee changing Thomas' glove didn't give Tyson a new surge in motivation, it was a helluva imitation. Again relying on that patented lunging, herky-jerky offense, the bemuscled champion finally caught the game but embattled Thomas with a punch he was looking for all night—a right uppercut in the wake of a terrific body shot coming out of a clinch at midring.

Tyson then snapped Pinklon's head every way but loose with one of the most devastating 15-punch salvos in his short reign. Pinklon fell into a clinch, bumping Tyson's head, but the New Yorker was able to punch his way free, knocking Thomas back into the ropes with a left.

Thomas had never been down as a pro in an eight-year career, but he was having trouble getting his hands up as Tyson bore in with a combination, two right uppercuts, left-rights twice, and then a final salvo culminated by a left hook that almost decapitated the bleeding challenger in levelling him for keeps.

Tyson's coup de grace delivery to Thomas' jaw mixed the desert air with blood and sweat, dropping Pinklon flat on his back near his conqueror's corner. Once lauded as the heir apparent to Larry Holmes' brilliant reign, Thomas got his shoulders off the mat at the count of five and valiantly tried to pull himself up an instant before referee Carlos Padilla tolled "10." However, when Padilla noticed Dundee was in the ring behind him, he aborted the count and waved the evening over two minutes into the round.

Thomas, having earned $650,000 with a ledger that is still an impressive 29-2-1 with 24 KOs, did not attack Tyson from angles as Dundee had anticipated. Without lateral movement and unable to punch effectively backing up, Pinklon could never catch the human juggernaut with the kind of right he employed to knock out former WBA ruler Mike Weaver in eight rounds two years ago at the Riviera in what may have been his premier effort.

Equally conspicuous by its absence was the stinging left jab which Thomas used so effectively against the trance-like Tim Witherspoon to win the WBC award on a 12-round decision.

"The heat from the lights in the ring was unbelievably hot," said Tyson. "No, I couldn't hear the fans booing in the third round (a juncture of clinching and mauling). But I want people to keep having doubts about me . . . that's what I want when they come to see me."

Thomas was visibly disappointed by the outcome despite Tyson closing as a 7-1 favorite in Nevada's licensed sportsbooks. Pinklon met the vicious test with rock-ribbed determination to win or go out on his shield. Attired in safari walking shorts and shirt, the defeated former monarch offered no alibis.

"When I threw a jab, Tyson caught me with a right uppercut and that was it. My strategy was to work to the body in the clinches and I thought it was taking effect. I was touching him in the solar plexus and I saw it was working because Mike was covering by dropping his elbow. The heat was no problem and my stamina was there. My jab was going to be my ace in the hole because I was going to get on my bike and come on in the later rounds.

"When you move away from Tyson he picks up velocity of speed, but he's not that effective inside. I hit him with double jabs several times and grabbed him. What really blew my mind was when Angelo had to change gloves. I had a good feel for the original glove, the new one was more padded . . . didn't have the same grip. Though the filling in the glove made it awkward, that's no excuse. The uppercut did it . . . I was defenseless . . . there was nothing I could do, but I could hear the count. Tyson's a good puncher, a great champion. He's worthy of the position he holds."

There wasn't a soul in the Valley of the Dollars on the morning of the fight more confident than Angelo Dundee.

"Thomas has the height (6'3") and movement to confuse Tyson and he'll use it to his advantage. My guy can take a big shot. He wants the title back so bad, he can taste it. Tyson's going to be hit by a left like he's never seen before. It's like a Louis, Liston or Foreman jab . . . quick with power and he can turn it into a hook."

When Dundee's forecast got back to Tyson, he only smiled: "I don't recall Angelo ever scoring any knockouts."

Like his fighter, boxing's answer to Leonardo da Vinci wasn't crying in his beer, or should that be wine?

"I really thought we had the key—stick and move. But the other guy (Tyson) nullified that with his awesome power even though, as a converted southpaw, he sometimes crosses his feet. Tyson was the winner, we're the losers. It would be nice the other way around," Dundee reflected. "You have to give the kid credit, he creates situations and turns it on. Like Pinklon said, Tyson's going to be one tough cookie to handle. I don't see anybody out there right now to beat him. But remember, there's always somebody to come along.

"Besides power, Tyson will keep on winning because he has drive, determination and desire. Between Gerry Cooney and Michael Spinks, I say Cooney would have the best chance because Tyson loses his effectiveness against tall guys. Spinks is more clever than Cooney, but I don't know if he's strong enough to hold off Tyson."

Whatever financial arrangements Dundee made to resume training Thomas (there was a riff following the Weaver kayo in 1985), the Miami-based conditioner left $1,000 with the Nevada State Athletic Commission following a fine by chairman Duane Ford.

When Tyson spun Thomas half way around with a booming right in the first round and then left him holding on with spaghetti legs under a curtain of hooks, jabs and uppercuts, the first intermission saw Dr. Flip Homansky of the NSAC move from ringside to personally check the challenger's condition. Dundee was livid and vocally censured the action.

"There was nothing wrong with Pinklon and I didn't want anybody messing him up psychologically. I told the doctor to get out of the corner," Dundee explained. "Ford came over saying

'Don't do that ... you're fined $500.' I said, 'thank you' and Duane said, 'Now it's a $1,000.' "

An unmarked, relaxed Tyson explained his determination to bring brevity to the fight.

"I didn't want two bad fights in a row because it's bad for business financially. I'll fight anybody they ask me to. As for the head butts in this fight, we were both coming in and we clashed heads. But I'm here to fight, not complain. This is a hurt business."

Jacobs, whose partner, Cayton, saw the fight on an HBO monitor while having a heart condition treated in New York, analyzed the champion's natural bent for ferocity in the ring.

"The people pay to see knockouts, Mike feels that's his obligation. When he does that, he feels the public gets its money's worth. Mike has changed and improved so much in the last six months and I have never seen a fighter with his hand speed," said the erudite businessman who once dominated world-class handball the way Tyson does boxing.

"There is no such thing as a fighter who can't be beaten and Tyson is the first to admit it. He is not trying to imitate legendary fighters. And Mike doesn't want to be compared to anyone like Dempsey, Louis, Marciano or Ali. He's repeatedly said, 'Wait for 10 more years and see if I deserve to be compared to anyone!' "

Once the Thomas fistic debate was settled, Tyson stayed on for a west coast vacation, taking up the Jacobs/Rooney offer to "have as much fun as you want ... until it's time to go to camp." There was a time when the champ's post-fight avocation was raising racing pigeons back home. Now the cooing revolves around a lovely bird named Robin Givens, one of the current stars of the TV sitcom "Head of the Class."

As Rooney remembered, "Mike saw her in Los Angeles, had an introduction arranged, and they hit it right off."

Why not? Like Mike Tyson, Robin is quite a knockout herself. □

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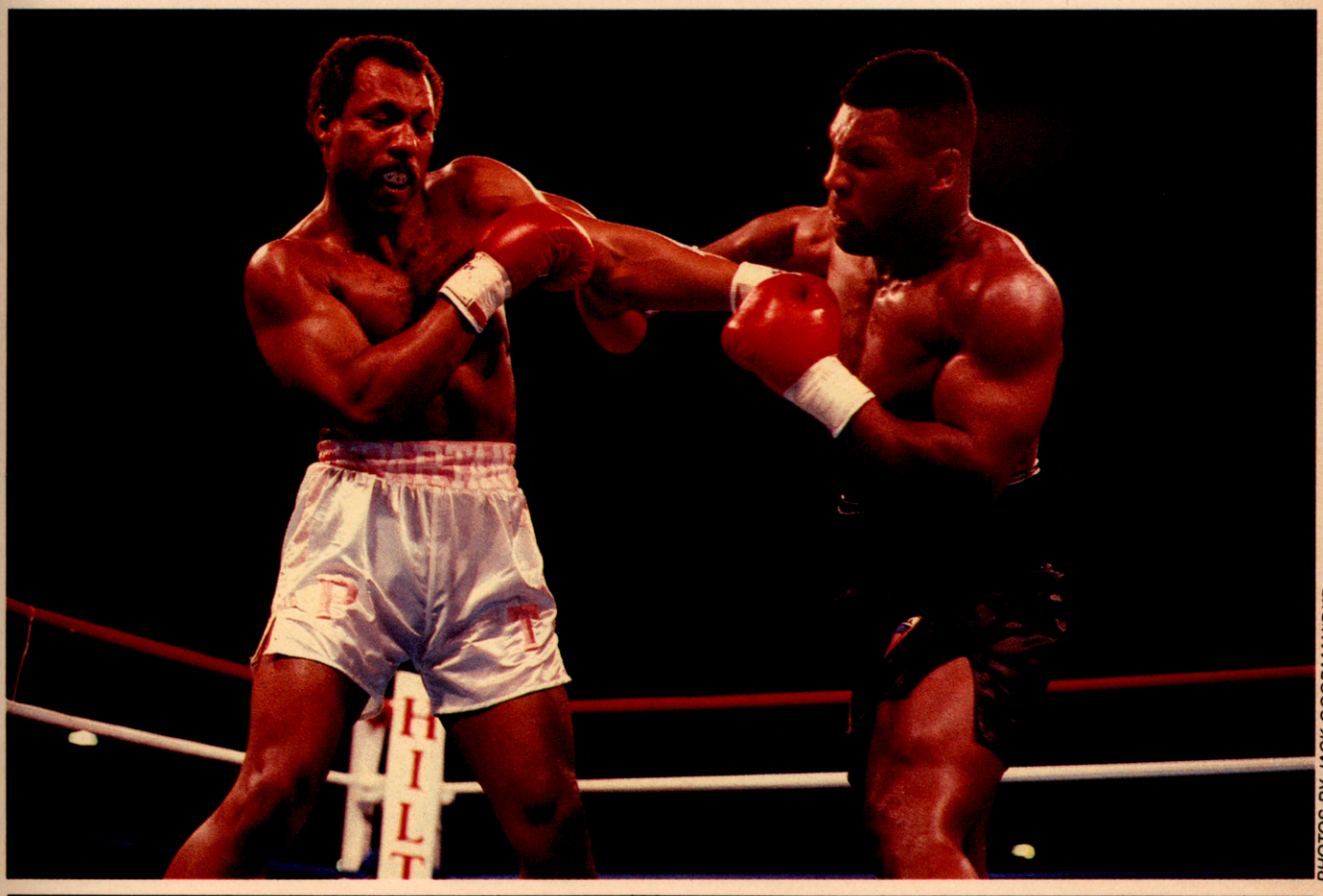
A dispassionate-looking Tyson prepares to face the TV cameras for the traditional post-fight interview.

TYSON TAMES THOMAS



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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS	St. Louis, Mo.
1. Mike Tyson	Catskill, N.Y.
2. Evander Holyfield	Atlanta, Ga.
3. James Smith	Magnolia, N.C.
4. Pinklon Thomas	Wyandotte, Mich.
5. Tim Witherspoon	Philadelphia, Pa.
6. Tyrell Biggs	Philadelphia, Pa.
7. Tony Tucker	Grand Rapids, Mich.
8. Trevor Berbick	Canada
9. Bert Cooper	Philadelphia, Pa.
10. Jose Ribalta	Miami, Fla.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Bobby Czyz	Wanaque, N.J.
2. Leslie Stewart	Trinidad
3. Thomas Hearns	Detroit, Mich.
4. Marvin Johnson	Indianapolis, Ind.
5. Dennis Andries	England
6. Eddie Davis	Freeport, N.Y.
7. Virgil Hill	Grand Forks, N.D.
8. Chong-Pal Park	Korea
9. Ramzi Hassan	Campo, California
10. Lindell Holmes	Detroit, Mich.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Marvin Hagler	Brockton, Mass.
2. Michael Olajide	Canada
3. Mike McCallum	New York, N.Y.
4. Iran Barkley	New York, N.Y.
5. Sumbu Kalambay	Italy
6. Robbie Sims	Brockton, Mass
7. Donald Curry	Ft. Worth, Texas
8. Michael Nunn	Sherman Oaks, Calif.
9. Frank Tate	Houston, Texas
10. Herol Graham	England

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LLOYD HONEYGHAN	England
1. Mark Breland	Brooklyn, N.Y.
2. Marlon Starling	Hartford, Conn.
3. Tommy Ayers	Cincinnati, Ohio
4. Maurice Blocker	Washington, D.C.
5. Simon Brown	Washington, D.C.
6. Tyrone Trice	Detroit, Mich.
7. Patrizio Oliva	Italy
8. Tsuyoshi Hamada	Japan
9. Frankie Warren	Corpus Christi, Texas
10. Terry Marsh	England

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Hector Camacho	New York, N.Y.
2. Edwin Rosario	Puerto Rico
3. Greg Haugen	Auburn, Wash.
4. Julio Cesar Chavez	Mexico
5. Pernell Whitaker	Norfolk, Va.
6. Terrence Alli	New York
7. Meldrick Taylor	Philadelphia, Pa.
8. Frankie Randall	Morristown, Tenn.
9. Vinny Pazienza	Rhode Island
10. Emancio Castro	Colombia

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

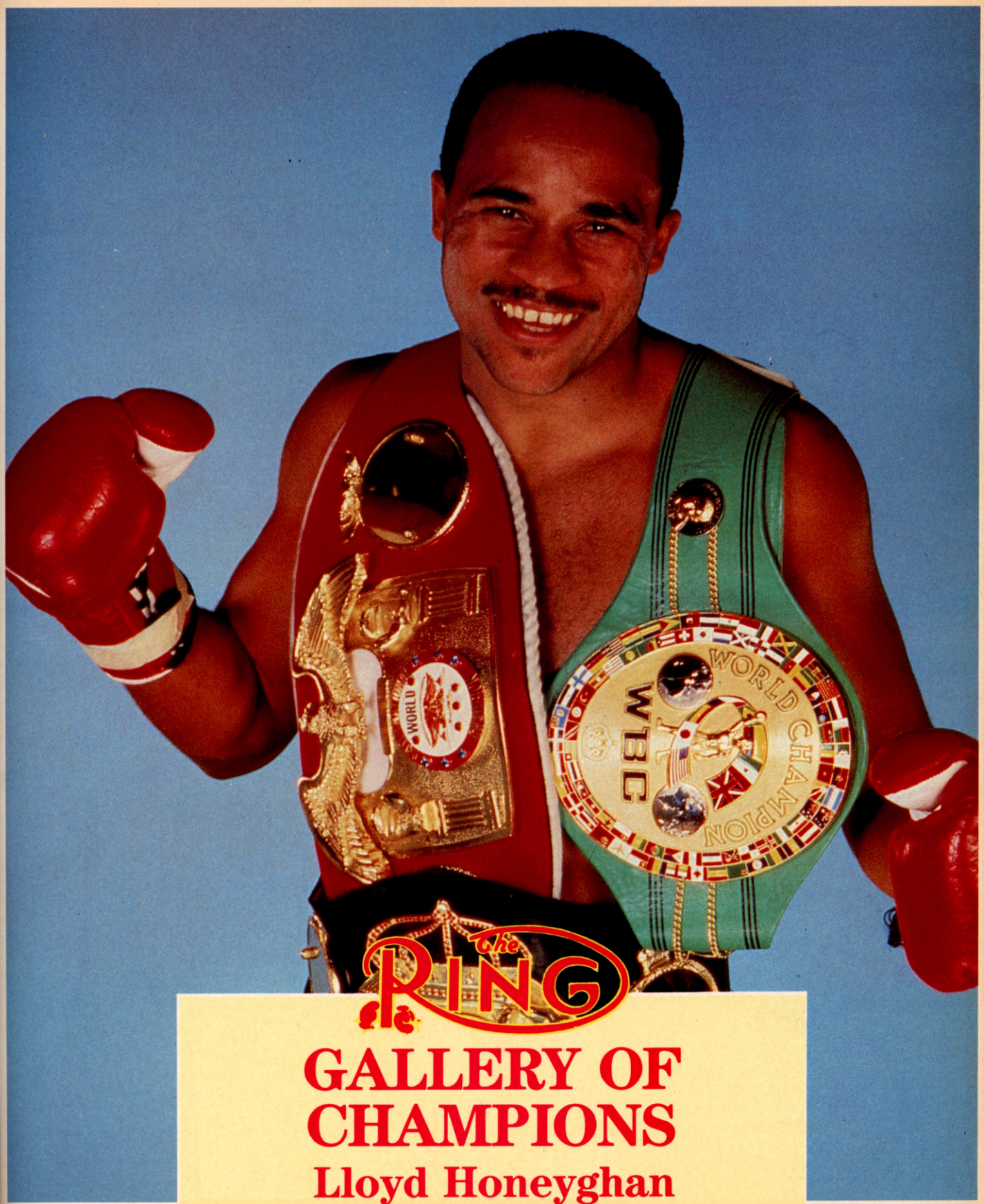
ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA	Venezuela
1. Azumah Nelson	Ghana
2. Steve Cruz	Ft. Worth, Texas
3. Calvin Grove	Pottstown, Pa.
4. Jeff Fenech	Australia
5. Barry McGuigan	Ireland
6. Louie Espinoza	Phoenix, Arizona
7. Victor Callejas	Puerto Rico
8. Antonio Rivera	Puerto Rico
9. Marcos Villasana	Mexico
10. Hector Lopez	Glendale, California

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Miguel Lora	Colombia
2. Kaosai Galaxy	Thailand
3. Santos Laciar	Argentina
4. Gaby Canizales	Laredo, Texas
5. Gilberto Roman	Mexico
6. Kelvin Seabrooks	Charlotte, N.C.
7. Jiro Watanabe	Japan
8. Greg Richardson	Youngstown, Ohio
9. Albert Davila	Pomona, Calif.
10. Chang-Young Park	Korea

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA	Thailand
1. Jung-Koo Chang	Korea
2. Fidel Bassa	Colombia
3. Myung-Woo Yuh	Korea
4. Hilario Zapata	Panama
5. Dodie Penalosa	Philippines
6. Paul Gonzales	Los Angeles, Calif.
7. Gabriel Bernal	Mexico
8. Benedicto Murillo	Panama
9. Rodolfo Blanco	Colombia
10. Rae-Ki Ahn	Korea



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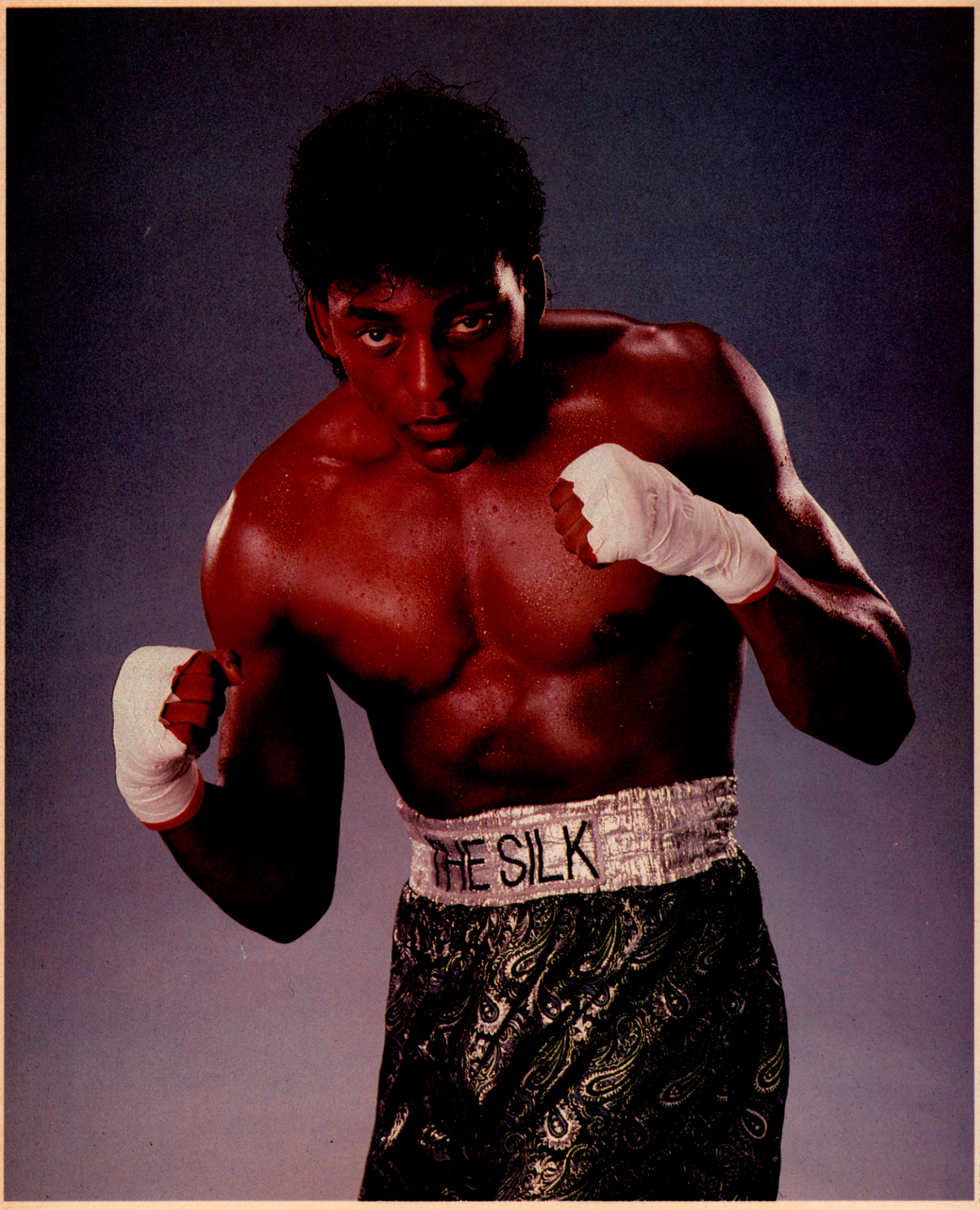

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MICHAEL OLAJIDE: The Look of the Future?

By Joseph D'O'Brian

AMONG A BIGGER CROP OF YOUNG prospects than boxing has seen in decades, middleweight contender Michael Olajide Jr. certainly stands out as one of the most colorful. His double life as a fighter and as a member of New York City's smart set is the stuff of which articles in *New York* magazine are made (as one was, a few months ago, indicating as well as anything that boxing is becoming trendy). His close relationship with his trainer and father (or father and trainer) Michael Sr. will no doubt be the subject of a TV movie a few years down the line. His rather surrealistic good looks and his polished private school accent make him stand out in any crowd.

Serious boxing fans have had their doubts about Olajide in the past couple of years, suspecting that his dedication to boxing was less than wholehearted, and that his tools, while flashy, were not substantial. But recent wins over contenders Don Lee and Troy Darrell have changed a few minds and moved Olajide well up in the ratings. When he sat down for this interview in *The Ring* offices, he was apparently on the brink of signing for a shot at a portion of the now-Balkanized middleweight title.

"I only do that part-time; it was never serious. Lots of people get Michael Olajide mixed up: They think he's a fashion model who boxes, and they wonder, well, what's he gonna do when his face starts getting banged up? But they've got it wrong: I'm a boxer first and foremost."

THE RING: You're coming off a victory over Troy Darrell, which everyone must agree was not your best performance. What exactly did you learn from that bout?

OLAJIDE: I definitely learned to listen to my corner more. I underestimated Darrell; I went in there to take his head off and loaded up on my punches too much. Instead of throwing combinations, I was just looking for that one big punch to get him out of there, especially after the first round. As far as I was concerned, I won the fight clearly, but people weren't used to seeing that kind of fighting from me and they saw him get up off the canvas twice in the first round and maybe gave him more points for that than for his actual performance. But he did turn in a good performance; he'd trained hard for my style. I guess he was sort of my Doug Jones. [Referring to the fighter who nearly upset Cassius Clay in 1962.]

THE RING: Have you signed for your next fight yet?

OLAJIDE: We haven't signed with anyone at this point. We're just staying in shape and doing promotions. We will be fighting for the IBF middleweight title, which I think is great: I like that 15-round distance. It's a true measure of a champion. But we'll fight for any title right now. We'll fight anyone we can get.

THE RING: I'm going to name two or three fighters, and you tell me how you'd fight each one. We'll start with the obvious one, Ray Leonard.

OLAJIDE: I feel he'd try to fight me in-and-out, punching and jumping back, and that's the way I'd fight him: make him miss, jab him. We have similar styles, but I feel that I'm the more disciplined fighter. Leonard drops his hands a lot, and that's the way I'd hit him. I throw a lot of straight, accurate punches, and in the stretch, that's what it comes down to: those straight punches.

THE RING: Thomas Hearns?

OLAJIDE: He'd be a good fight. I'd definitely fight him along the lines of boxing him in the first few rounds, then taking it to the body. I'd have to be very cautious, of course, because he's a very good puncher—people say he's lost his punch, but I think he's a harder hitter now than when he was a welterweight—but I'd go to the body in the middle rounds, then in the late rounds I'd shift it up to his head.

THE RING: Iran Barkley?

OLAJIDE: That would be a great fight and it would generate a lot of interest. I'd just go at him. I'd be hitting him

Olajide Sr. Contends For Training Title

If middleweight contender Michael Olajide Jr. does indeed make it to the top of his division, as he predicts he will, it could well be the making of his father's career as well as his own. Michael Olajide Sr., who for the past decade has made a name for himself as a trainer in Vancouver, B.C., hopes the job he's done in shaping his son into a world-class fighter might make his reputation in the competitive world of teachers and trainers.

"My ambition," Michael Sr. said, "is to be one of the greatest boxing trainers of all time, just as it's Junior's ambition to be the greatest fighter."

Olajide *pere*, who was a pretty fair fighter himself until his retirement in 1962, is a comparatively recent entry in the training game, but he claims that the soundness of his methods will bring him quick recognition.

"When I retired from boxing," he recalled, "I didn't want anything to do with the sport. I hadn't had the right people around me to help me make it, and I came out of boxing with very negative feelings. But in 1976, I saw Canada, the host nation of the Olympics, come away from the competition without a single medal." Olajide's patriotic instincts, he implied, were what drove him to launch a second career in boxing.

"I always felt I had what it took to be a good trainer, so in January, 1977, I opened my gym.

"The methods I used there were always different from those of other trainers. For instance, I don't have my fighters start throwing punches immediately. As a boxer, you have more problems standing up properly than you have hitting anyone, so I show a young fighter how to stand right, how to keep his balance, before I'll let him throw a punch. And I never let a fighter throw any other punches before he's mastered the left jab. Sometimes a fighter will work with me for months before I'll let him throw a right hand.

"Defense was always number one in my gym. If you can't show a fighter how to take care of his chin, you've got no business being a trainer."

Oddly enough, Michael Jr. was not one of the reasons his father decided to become a trainer—not at first, anyway.

"I never wanted my kids to have anything to do with boxing," he said. "They were all into music as children and that was what I preferred. In fact, two of them have stayed with music and they're at the top of their professions today. But Junior started coming around the gym and eventually, of course, he asked me to show him how to box."

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Now that his son is headed for the big time, Olajide Sr. has put the training of other fighters on hold for the duration. But he says his ambition is to open a gym in New York City. What with New York's status as a big fight town starting to gain back a little credence, the time may be right. □

Michael Olajide Senior (left) predicts his son will soon be middleweight champion of the world.

—Joseph D'O'Brian

with anything. He doesn't have the defense or the offense for me. He doesn't know how to deal with it when someone's hitting him and he's not hitting back. He'd be perfect for my style. I'd love a fight like that.

THE RING: To get off the subject of boxing for a moment, you must have lots of people asking you how a fashion model ever got to be a fighter; well, we already know about how you got to be a fighter, so I'll ask you how did you get to be a fashion model?

OLAJIDE: I only do that part-time; it was never serious. Lots of people get Michael Olajide mixed up: They think he's a fashion model who boxes, and they wonder, well, what's he gonna do when his face starts getting banged up? But they've got it wrong: I'm a boxer first and foremost. As you see in my fights, when I get hit, you don't see me running around the ring 100 miles an hour. I love the sport, and we have a lot of determination to get to the top. Modeling is just a sideline.

THE RING: It appears to me, though, that you're part of a new breed of boxers, of which Bobby Czyz, Larry Holmes and Ray Leonard are other examples, who are committed to boxing but who are definitely building towards a career outside of boxing, planning ahead. Do you feel that there is a new breed out there? Are you part of that new breed?

OLAJIDE: I believe boxers are expanding their interests. Boxing has changed so much and a new breed is coming in, a type who has to know how to manage money. It's not like in the old days when a guy just fought for nothing: It's a business now, and as its popularity increases you're seeing college graduates getting into boxing, and

kids from middle-class backgrounds who got into it because they loved to watch it on TV, loved it as a sport. You no longer have to come from the ghetto to know how to fight. People with a good upbringing are now learning to box. They're looking at it as an art, rather than as a kill-or-be-killed type of thing.

THE RING: Boxing is certainly becoming trendy: Witness your recent writeup in *New York* magazine, Mike Tyson on the cover of *In Fashion* and other examples. Why is it suddenly *chic* to be involved in boxing?

OLAJIDE: It's hard to say. I look at boxing as the ultimate competition, and the world itself is so competitive; maybe boxing is a way of putting it all into one ring. Some people would call boxing a matter of survival, but it's . . . I like to call it an art. Lots of people ask me, "When you go into the ring, don't you want to kill the guy?" But it's not like that at all. It's a matter of doing what's necessary to win, which of course leads ultimately to the other fighter losing his senses, but I never go into the ring with the intent to kill or beat up my opponent.

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THE RING: At the same time that we're seeing boxers with more education and more outside interests, we're seeing lots of boxers getting into terrible trouble, going to prison or getting heavily involved with drugs. Why do you think this is happening? Is it happening more than it was in the past?

OLAJIDE: No, but it does seem to be more in the public eye, under more scrutiny. It's really a shame. I've always looked up to boxers; they're such great physical specimens. All the other sports are great in that respect, but boxing, the resiliency one has to have, and so on . . . the way some boxers abuse their bodies is just beyond comprehension to me. I just can't believe that it goes on. You should have pride

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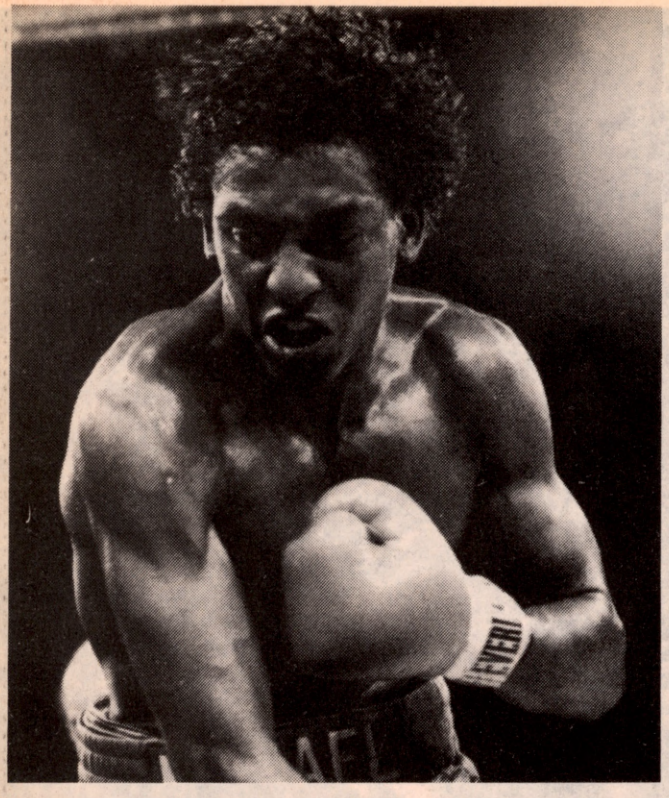
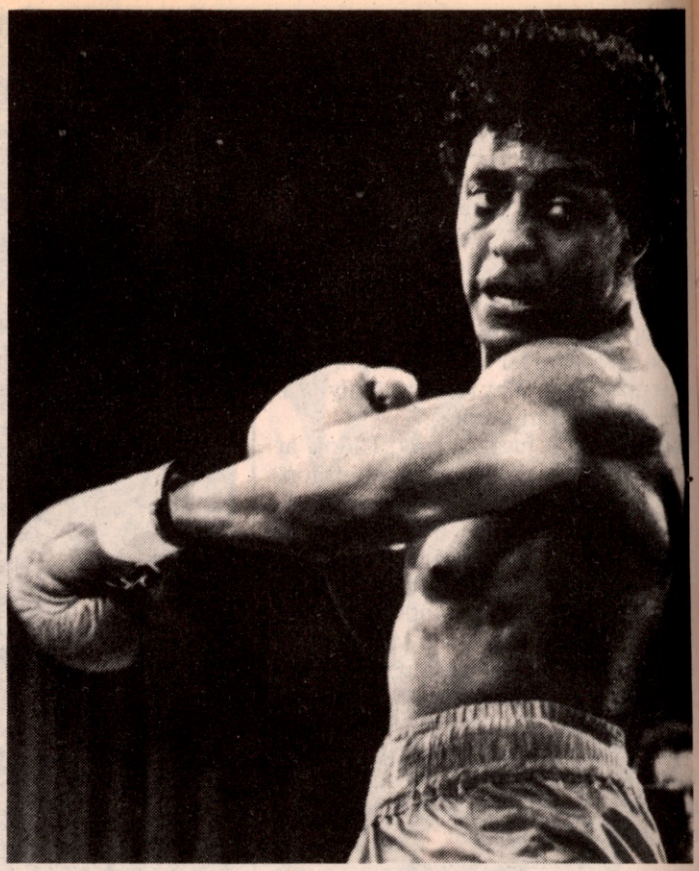
A student of boxing both in and out of the ring, Michael Olajide catches up with the latest news with the "Bible of Boxing."





Despite his "pretty boy" image, Olajide is plenty mean come fight time and has shown a genuine "killer instinct" when he gets his opponents in trouble.

in yourself and your sport; people should look up to you. And that goes for boxing, football, hockey, basketball or whatever.

THE RING: Do you have any feelings about what might be wrong with how the sport is run today? Are there any changes you'd like to see?

OLAJIDE: I'd like to see fighters taking more pride in their sport. When they take pride in boxing, its popularity will go up. When you see fighters coming into the ring sloppy and overweight, it detracts from the sport: People start to say it's deteriorating. Lots of people in boxing are calling the sport down, being very negative. They shouldn't be biting the hand that feeds them; they shouldn't be so down on it. Once we get the public's respect, things will start looking up and boxing will be even bigger than it is today.

There are certain issues that have to be discussed, like the idea I've heard about taking a percentage of every fighter's purse and putting it into a fund for all boxers. That's a very complex issue. It might not be fair to take money from fighters who are deserving and give it to someone who's maybe just slacking.

The state commissions I've worked with in New Jersey and New York have always done a great job of officiating and on the medical tests. They make sure everything is done to a tee: eye tests, heart tests, brain scans. They're all done very professionally, and that's what boxing needs.

THE RING: Concerning actual in-ring safety, do you feel the sport is as safe as it can be, or do you think there ought to be other safety measures taken, such as headguards, heavier gloves or shorter rounds?

OLAJIDE: It's really as safe as it can get right now. Lots of strides have been made. The point is that fighters have to come in well-trained and in shape. This will lessen the chance of an injury. Headguards and heavier gloves aren't right for a pro boxer: They might protect a face-first fighter from being knocked out, but that's all.

Thumbless gloves, or those with an attached thumb, are a great innovation, though. I've been thumbed once or twice and it's not pleasant.

THE RING: Doesn't the attached thumb hamper you on defense, interfering with your ability to catch punches on your gloves?

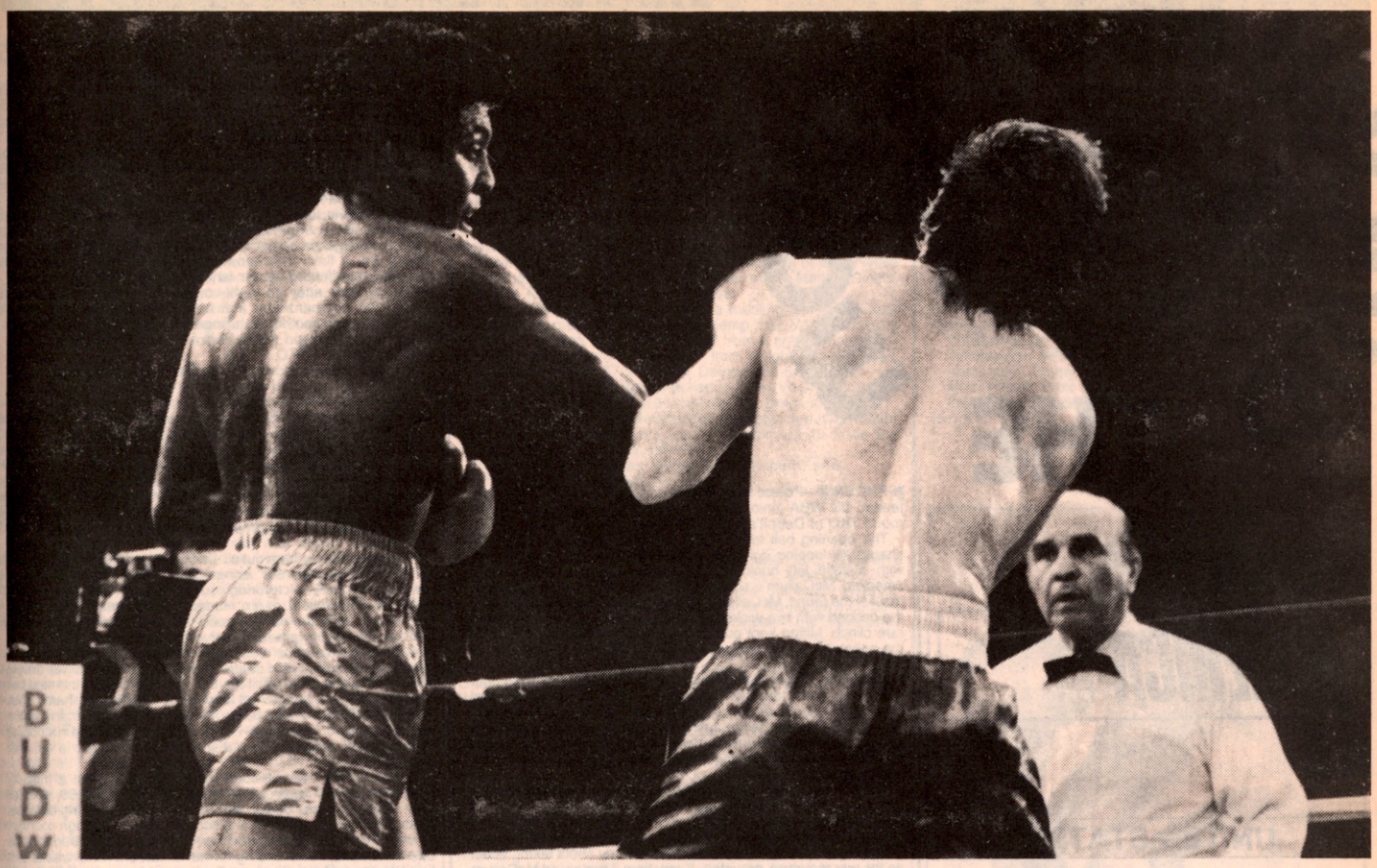
OLAJIDE: Even with the attached thumb, there are ways to catch punches or to maneuver your opponent on the inside. I feel detached retinas and other eye injuries are among the most dangerous things in boxing today. So it's no contest. Weighing one against the other, I'd sooner take an attached thumb and deal with whatever problems it causes rather than use an unattached thumb and risk blindness.

THE RING: With regard to the various international governing bodies, the WBA, WBC, IBF and others, do you feel they're beneficial or that they contribute to boxing's bad reputation?

OLAJIDE: I think they're useful because often a champion will choose to avoid another fighter who's paid his dues, but with three governing bodies, every fighter gets a chance and eventually the title can be unified. But a lot of shady deals do go on in these organizations.

THE RING: Supposing you win one of the several versions of the middleweight title and eventually meet another fighter for the unified title. Who do you think has the best chance of being your final opponent?

Olajide (left) snaps back the head of Knox Brown en route to a TKO victory at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum in New York.



OLAJIDE: Herol Graham is a fighter I haven't had a chance to get a good look at. He's a southpaw and very hard to hit. And there's this kid out of California, Michael Nunn, who's a good boxer and moves around the ring well. He could be a fighter of the future. And Juan Roldan is right there: He's strong; he hits like a mule. I saw him against James Kinchen recently, and he really got to James.

THE RING: Is the middleweight division where you plan to stay for several years or will you eventually move up to light heavy or heavy?

OLAJIDE: I would like to stay a middleweight. I have no trouble making the weight and I plan to stay a middleweight for the rest of my career. The division is the backbone of boxing and there are so many different styles you encounter in the middleweight division, so much variety.

THE RING: Are there other fighters, past or present, whom you particularly admire and after whom you've patterned your own style?

OLAJIDE: My style is forged by my father. He taught me my style and it's not patterned after anyone. But those who have seen my style, my father included, say I'm along the lines of Sugar Ray Robinson. I've always looked up to Muhammad Ali, but I'm not foolish enough to pattern myself after him. Not the way he dropped his hands. There are too many good hitters in the middleweight division and it would put me at a disadvantage to fight in that style.

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THE RING: What would you say are the strongest and weakest points of your style?

OLAJIDE: If there are any weak points to my style, they'd be mental, not physical. Physically, there are no weaknesses. I can do it all. I can jab, box, hit with either hand. Everything's there. Any weaknesses would be up here, in my head: Overconfidence is my weak point. Like in my last fight against Troy Darrell, I had the idea that I was just going to go out there and smoke the guy. And that's the most detrimental thing about Michael Olajide Jr. But I've worked on that. It won't happen again, I'm sure.

THE RING: You come across as much better educated, more articulate than many boxers. Do you feel that this has a beneficial effect on your style, or is your intellect something that doesn't relate to your boxing abilities?

OLAJIDE: I don't feel that the two relate to each other, but my education certainly does help my public image. Just being able to make myself understood and to speak articulately has led the public to understand and relate to me better. But when I'm in the ring, my opponent doesn't care whether I can talk like a Rhodes scholar or like some back-alley kid: He's gonna go in there and come at me. □

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

ALABAMA

▶**HAMILTON**—Nashville, Tennessee's Darryl "Fast Fists" Fuller ended a 15-month absence from the ring with a three-round KO of Sam "Macho Man" Black of West Memphis, Arkansas.

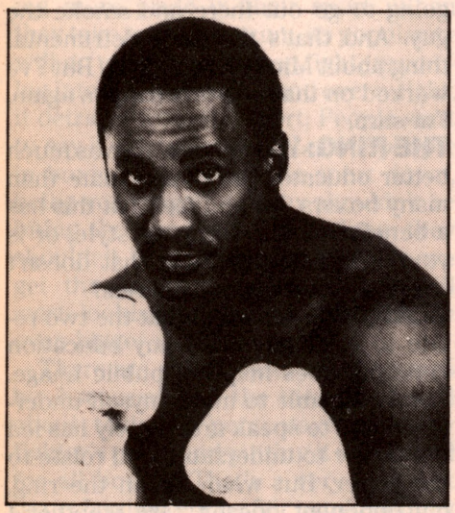
Fuller ended the scheduled eight-round junior welterweight bout at 1:09 to post his 16th knockout in a 19-6 record.

"Darryl never got hit cleanly," said Fuller manager, Kerry Pharr. "He was spinning the guy and making the guy miss."

Promoters: Willard Frye & Jimmy Heair.

(5-2-87)

ARIZONA



Mike McCallum (above) turned back the challenge of Milton McCrory to retain the WBA junior middleweight title in an exciting slugfest in Phoenix.

▶**PHOENIX—Pointe Resort**—Mike McCallum successfullly defended his WBA junior middleweight championship with a 10-round TKO of Detroit's Milton McCrory.

The opening bell found McCrory poised right in front of the champion, looping rights while jabbing often. McCrory scored with a solid left hook, continuing with arched combos that smacked McCallum's unflinching profile. They exchanged for most of the round, McCallum in patient pursuit. McCallum opened the second with two wicked lefts that made McCrory resort to a rare clinch. Milton kept pumping jabs as McCallum stepped up the pace with heavy body shots, displaying why he is billed as "The Body Snatcher."

McCallum's right eye showed irritation after the third, but McCrory's nose had been bleeding by then. Milton was ahead by a couple points on all cards after four, but McCallum was in gear and finding the range. In the middle rounds, McCallum was getting the better of most trades. The champion landed a few low shots that weren't called, but they took their toll, even though unintentional.

The pace in Round Seven remained burning as McCrory gave little, but meaningful ground. Then, a McCallum right buckled McCrory's knees. It was still close, but rights were raining on McCrory, whose face was smeared with blood from his nose.

The eighth was a classic, McCallum's body shots taking effect as the war resumed, non-stop. Every time it appeared McCallum would overwhelm McCrory, the challenger would come back with intense flurries. Two vicious overhand rights rocked McCrory into real trouble but, just as more combinations were about to drop him, McCrory rallied, backing McCallum off and actually staggering him. Still, McCrory returned to his corner on rubbery legs.

Action stopped midway in the ninth for fading McCrory's glove to be taped. The fight could have been stopped then, but McCrory's conditioning and talent did nothing but ensure further pain as he refused to fold, constantly battling back to see the ninth end through tears of blood from his cut left eyelid.

McCrory tried to blink it away as he came out for the 10th, but McCallum was upon him. The champion's right was a wrecking ball, and McCrory finally succumbed, punched down to a knee before referee Joe Cortez stopped it at 2:20.

McCallum's manager Lou Duva said of his 30-year-old champion, "Now the world knows about Mike McCallum. We're leaning toward Curry, but we'll fight anybody."

McCallum, 31-0 with 28 knockouts, said, "I was just finished putting on my pants, my gloves, when they called me to fight. I was real cold. I couldn't get off. He was pasting me with that jab real good, throwing right hands that caught me a couple times."

The key to victory, according to McCallum, was "body shots. Everything was working well for me, and I knew it was a matter of time."

None of the undercard fights had as much excitement as any round of the main event, but Meldrick Taylor, youngest of Lou Duva's fine Gold Medal crop, showed why he must soon be considered a title threat.

Taylor, from Philadelphia, raised his calling card to 15-0-1 and was in command every round against Primo Ramos, who dropped to 30-5 when Taylor captured a unanimous, 10-round decision.

Ramos, billed as the Mexican lightweight champion, fought hard, but Taylor was obviously stronger and smoother. Ramos had to clinch often to avoid vicious combinations, many of which stung him. But many of Taylor's shots were also low, enough that he justifiably lost a point in the second.

The scores were 97-91 by Bob Ferrera and Joe Garcia, with Bob Cox calling it 99-91. Each weighed 139½.

"It was a good, tough fight, but that was expected of this guy," said Taylor. "I don't think there's tougher fighters out there than the Mexican fighters. They come and fight you hard."

Kronk prospect Stanley Longstreet, 137, pinballed Las Cruces' Geraldo Vensor, 138½, around the ring, dropped him three times and scored a TKO at 2:21 of the first round of a scheduled six. Longstreet is 3-0 with two KOs, while Vensor fell to 18-9.

David Brooks, 195, Scottsdale, rose to 5-1 with a close, four-round unanimous decision over Bret Hughes, 198. Many thought it was a draw and booed as the call was announced. Both heavies landed about the same leather, suffered identical nicks under the left eye and bloodied each other's noses.

In the closer, Art Blackmore, 129, Scottsdale, upped his mark to 6-1 with a four-round, majority win over Lorenzo Saiz, 130½, Las Cruces. Saiz is 2-3-2 after the probing encounter that could have been called either way.

Promoter: Ringside Promotions & Main Events.

Commissioner: John Montano.

Attendance: 2,200.

(4-18-87)

▶**PHOENIX—Studio West**—Cassius Clay Horne of Eloy,, 142, regained his old form and got local fans hopeful, raising his record to 20-3 with 18 KOs by stopping Sergio Zambrano of Mexico in the first round.

Zambrano, 34-3-1 with 23 KOs, was highly regarded, but it was impossible to see how this guy gained such a fine mark. He looked like a zombie piñata.

Horne charged in immediately, scoring with a solid left for what looked like a flash knockdown because Zambrano looked so passively unaffected as he landed on his butt. He rose and remained stoic after an eight-count. The energetic Horne resumed the bombardment and another combo led to another canvas seat and another eight fingers for Zambrano. He bothered to get up, then stood frozen in wait for a third similar seating, which made for a TKO at 1:29.

A questionable performance by Zambrano is putting it nicely, but Horne did look very strong.

"I expected a war and was ready," said Horne. "I figured with 23 KOs, he'd hit hard. But he hit me with a body punch, I didn't even feel it. I was very surprised. Bring on anybody!"

Although Horne wore a blue and white robe instead of Kronk colors, he is definitely one of that stable's frontrunners. Realistic Emanuel Steward feels Horne needs a couple more educational outings before the big time. But for tonight, the pleasant surprises continued for Horne as an abnormally well-endowed nightclub employee had him autograph her chest, one for each hemisphere.

"I'm gonna knock them out all the time," said Horne, grinning.

Stanley "The Steamer" Longstreet, 138½, chugged impressively along his Kronk tutoring course as he stopped Derek Hudson, 138, Bakersfield, in six. Hudson, 8-8-1, was in great shape and here to fight, providing a good test of Longstreet's progress, but the poised Longstreet never really broke a sweat. Landing well-schooled combos seasoned thickly with straight rights, "Steamer" was always in control. A series of punches was driving Hudson down at the end of the fifth, and the ring of the next bell was still fading as Longstreet landed the first of many hard rights. The brave Hudson was ready to take more, and many in the crowd protested, but referee Roger Yanez was correct in stopping it. Longstreet, looking like a diamond in the rough, is 4-0 with three KOs.

Randy Smith, 168, climbed to a listed 20-7 with a majority decision over six against Detroit's Mark Stevens, 165, who fell to 8-5. Stevens was busier, but Smith used a mocking defense, landed the harder punches and scored with just enough counters to earn the nod. Smith, billed from Tucson, was introduced as one of Arizona's outstanding former amateurs. Five weeks earlier, he was listed as having 17 wins and being from Chicago.

Brett Hughes, Phoenix, and Steve Daiman, 177, Scottsdale, slugged it out in a four-round draw. Hughes was much wider, but, although he moved the lanky Daiman around the ring, Daiman, making his pro debut, responded effectively. Hughes appeared much heavier than his listed 180.

In the evening's appetizer, Manuel Escobedo, 148, Glendale, won his debut, but Jose Luis Mendoza, 146, Phoenix, won the crowd even though he dropped to 0-3 in the tough four-rounder. Mendoza got $100 extra from promoter Steve Eisner for being the fighter voted most courageous by ringsiders. This prize is to honor the late Bill Aguilar, a popular local boxing insider.

Throughout the night, large video screens showed boxing film as multi-colored sparkles strobed across a partying crowd of an unusually (pleasurably so) even ratio of men and women. Eisner and Steward are correct in defining this ripe market as one of the finest regular fightclub scenes going.

Attendance: 1,000.

Commission Director: John Montano.

(5-11-87)

PHIL WOOLEVER

CALIFORNIA

▶**SANTA MONICA—Civic Auditorium**—Former WBC Heavyweight Champion Tony Tubbs, 239, Santa Monica, survived a shocking knockdown to win a unanimous, 10-round decision over journeyman Mike Jameson, 226, San Jose. A Jameson (13-14) left hook sent Tubbs crashing on his back early in the 10th, but Tubbs (22-1) won every other round. Scoring: Larry Rozadilla 98-91; Frank Rustich 98-92; Chuck Hassett 97-92. John Thomas, referee.

Glenn Kennedy, 175, West Covina, impressively retained his California light heavyweight championship when he battered veteran Vinnie Curto, 174½, Los Angeles, to defeat in 1:50 of the seventh of a scheduled 12. It looks like the end for the colorful Curto (57-8-3) who announced his retirement in the ring. Curto, an unsuccessful challenger for the IBF super middleweight title in his previous fight April, 1986, bravely was never off his feet. It was the first defense for Kennedy (13-3-1). Rozadilla, referee.

Wimpy Halstead, 213, Simi, stopped clowning Perscell Davis, 239, Minneapolis, who was retired by his corner at the end of the eighth of an entertaining scheduled 10. Both fighters were threatened with disqualification for various infringements, including blatant trading of low blows in the fourth round and a prolonged exchange after the bell ending the first. But Halstead (44-5-1) was the only fighter trying to win as Davis (13-6) stopped throwing punches in the later rounds. Rustich, referee.

Late substitute Andre Smith, 129, Los Angeles, won a disputed decision over game Paul Banke, 128, Blythe, after eight tremendously hard-fought rounds. Smith (9-0) threw fewer but sharper and more effective punches. But the volume of work by Banke (7-2) deserved at least a draw. Smith was penalized one point

by referee Rustich for a perfectly legal blow above the belt in the fifth. Scoring: Rozadilla 76-76; Hassett 77-74; Thomas 77-75.

Willie Wilson, 165, Campo, got back on the winning trail by dominating and stopping Tony Chicoine, 167½, Orange, in 1:56 of the second of a scheduled six. Chicoine was floored twice by left hooks before referee Lou Filippo called it off.

David Kilgour, 162, Encino, flattened Ruben Blackwell, 160, Los Angeles, with a right hand in 2:05 of the second of a scheduled four. Blackwell was also down in the first. Kenny Davis, referee.

Awkward Daryl Colquitt, 143½, exposed the limitations of hard-hitting Celedonio Luna, 147, Blythe, by making him miss for nearly two and one-half rounds before going down from a right in 2:17 of the third of a scheduled four. Luna improved to 5-0-1, all his wins by knockout. Davis, referee.

Roberto Rosiles, 158, Blythe, knocked out debuting Efrem Sargent, 158¾, Pomona, with a right in 58 seconds of the first of a scheduled four. Filippo, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Robert Karns.
Timekeepers: Ernie Snow, John Licht.
Announcer: Danny Valdivia.
Matchmaker: Tom Peters.
Promoter: Dean Gettleson.
(4-20-87)

▶**RIVERSIDE—Raincross Square**—Alphonso Long, 148, Compton, needed only one clean right hand punch to dispose of former African lightweight champion Davidson Andeh, 147, Hollywood, in 1:30 of the first of a scheduled 10. The Nigerian's corner watched him struggle up and then threw in the towel just as referee Dr. James Jen-Kin moved in to stop the fight. Long, who has headlined all three Riverside cards, improved to 19-6-1. The used-up Andeh has a nearly identical 19-6 record.

Louis Hernandez, 123½, Redlands, was always one move ahead of Daniel Garcia, 124, East Los Angeles, who was clearly and unanimously outpointed over eight. Hernandez, a hard-luck fighter early in his career, is now 8-6-5. Garcia, like main eventer Andeh a late sub, fell to 6-4-1. Scoring: Raul Caiz 78-76; Jen-Kin 80-73; Fritz Werner 77-76. Pat Russell, referee.

It was a bad night for last-minute replacements as comebacking Mano Morua, 131, La Puente, was unanimously outpointed by hard-working Randy Lee Archuleta, 129½, San Jose, over six excellent rounds. Morua (7-3-1) was the more talented boxer, but he was hurt in the scoring by a first-round knockdown. Archuleta (5-5) faded in the second half. Scoring: Caiz 58-56; Jen-Kin 58-55; Tony Gutron 58-55. Werner, referee.

Although none of the originally scheduled fights held up, the only mismatch on the card was a knockout by Roberto Rosiles, 158, Blythe, over Mike Falcon, 158, La Mesa, in 1:55 of the second of a scheduled four. Falcon was up at nine from a left-hook knockdown, but he was too wobbly to continue. Caiz, referee.

Derrick Hudson, 142, made the long drive down from Bakersfield pay off with a unanimous decision over Joe Orantez, 138½, San Diego, four. Scoring: Werner 39-37; Russell 40-37; Guitron 40-36. Caiz, referee.

Local fighter Celio Olivar, 146, Colton, unanimously outslugged previously unbeaten Celedonio Luna, 146½, Blythe, in a punishing four. The always dangerous Luna was down in the first and cut badly over the left eye in the fourth. Scoring: Russell 39-36; Caiz 39-36; Jen-Kin 38-37. Guitron, referee.

Physician: Dr. Michael Deluca.
Announcer: John Tropiano.
Timekeeper: Aaron Koslow.
Matchmaker: Ernie Fuentes.
Promoter: Bill Nasto.
(4-23-87)

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—Experienced Ramon Marchena, 128½, Ensenada, unanimously outpointed bloody defending champion Greg Puente, 129, Alhambra, 12, to win the California super featherweight title. Marchena (31-6-1) took control in the eighth round after opening cuts on the bridge of Puente's nose and over his left eye. Puente (8-3-4) was also cut above and below his right eye in the ninth. Scoring: Chuck Hassett 115-113; Eddie Rodriguez 115-113; Rudy Jordan 116-114. Lou Moret, referee.

Richard Harrell, 194½, Anaheim, and Jim Ashard, 205, Eugene, fought to a six-round draw. Scoring: Jordan 58-57 Harrell; Hassett 58-56 Ashard; Moret 57-57.

Rocky Cazares, 132, Blythe, was fortunate to win a six-round, majority decision over crafty veteran southpaw Remington Garcia, 133, Tijuana. The aggression of Cazares (14-2-1) influenced judges Moret (59-56) and Hassett (58-57). Jordan, referee.

Dwain Bonds, 220, Inglewood, knocked out Rod Smith, 223, Eugene, with a left hook in 2:30 of the fifth of a scheduled six. Rodriguez, referee.

Raul Gonzalez, 135, Pasadena, and Oscar Ornelas, 140, Commerce, drew, four.

Juan Marchena, 127¾, Ensenada, won a clear, unanimous verdict over Juan Hernandez, 127, Los Angeles, four.

Physician: Dr. Michael Deluca.
Timekeeper: Phil Carreon.
Announcer: Danny Valdivia.
Matchmaker: John Cabrera.
Promoter: Don Fraser.
(4-27-87)

▶**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—1984 Olympic Silver Medalist Hector Lopez, 125½, Glendale, surprisingly stopped tournament favorite Bernard Taylor, 125, Knoxville, in 1:37 of the ninth of a scheduled 10-round Forum featherweight quarterfinal bout. Taylor, ranked No.3 by both the WBC and the WBA, was taking a beating when referee Lou Filippo halted the fight. Lopez (13-1) floored Taylor (37-2-1) with a left hook in the second and had a clear points lead. Both boxers lost a point for low blows in a fast-paced, hard-fought match. Taylor's NABF title was not at stake.

Lopez' opponent in the semifinals will be Lenny Valdez, 126, Mexicali, who won a 10-round, split decision over Alberto Mercado, 124, Cayey, Puerto Rico. Mercado (27-6-1) controlled much of the action with a stiff left jab, but Valdez (29-7-1) stole several of the rounds with his harder hitting. Mercado was down from a left hook in the seventh. Scoring: Dr. James Jen-Kin 95-94 Valdez; Vince Delgado 95-94 Mercado; Raul Caiz 97-93 Valdez. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Young Dick Tiger, 146, Hollywood, took a popular, 12-round unanimous decision over Manning Galloway, 147, Columbus, but it was Galloway's negative style rather than Tiger's effort which cost the Ohio fighter his Forum welterweight title. Tiger (19-1) forced the fight, but could not put his punches together. Galloway (39-10-1) actually scored enough points on the run to win, but his cause was hurt when an 11th-round slip was called a knockdown by referee Jen-Kin. Scoring: Caiz 116-113; Rozadilla 115-113; Delgado 116-112.

Calvin Meeks, 142, Los Angeles, showed a lot of ability while winning a four-round shutout verdict over willing Manuel Davila, 140, Los Angeles. Gwen Adair, referee.

Willie Wilson, 164, Campo, won a mauling, six-round, split decision over previous victim Milford Kemp, 162, Venice. Colorful Kemp (6-2-2) was floored in the third from a right. Wilson (7-1) carelessly went down in the fourth from a right. Scoring: Caiz 57-55 Wilson; Adair 57-55 Kemp; Delgado 58-54 Wilson.

Pedro Nolasco, 130, Bell, knocked out Alex Vega, 130½, Los Angeles, in 2:29 of the first of a scheduled six. Delgado, referee.

Derrick Hudson, 142, Bakersfield, flattened debuting Walter Snell, 140, San Diego, with a right to the chin in 2:49 of the first of a scheduled four. Adair, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Robert Karns.
Timekeepers: Aaron Koslow, John Lichti.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis.
Promoter: Jerry Buss.
(4-27-87)

▶**RESEDA—The Country Club**—Mike Hunter, 208, Woodland Hills, won a lopsided, unanimous decision over Mike Gans, 255, Long Beach, eight. Hunter (7-0-2) is now managed by actor James Caan, who watched anxiously from his fighter's corner. Gans (10-5) was floored and saved by the bell in the final round. John Thomas, referee.

Daniel Garcia, 124, East Los Angeles, kayoed Carlos Manzano, 122, San Pedro, in 1:50 of the second of a scheduled six. Garcia (7-4-1) dropped Manzano (11-5-3) twice with lefts. Robert Byrd, referee.

Robert Lewis, 132¾, Los Angeles, rumbled to a clear, six-round points decision over Lamart Baker, 132, Las Vegas. Baker (6-12) had upset Lewis (6-3-3) one month earlier. Byrd, referee.

Prospect Nate Houser, 174½, Long Beach, shut out Tim Jones, 174½, Sacramento, four. Houser (2-0) scored a knockdown in the final round. Kenny Davis, referee.

Unbeaten Dino Garza, 127½, Granda Hills, was behind on points when he put the lights out on Javier Macias, 125, Burbank, with a left hook in 2:16 of the second of a scheduled four. Davis, referee.

Abe Gomez, 127, Arleta, won a very hard fought, four-round, split decision over crowd-pleaser Vicente Gonzalez, 131, Cudahy. Scoring: Dick Young and Byrd 38-37 Gomez; Thomas 39-38 Gonzalez. Fritz Werner, referee.

Debuting Joe Esquival, 128¾, Pacoima, won a majority decision over Ruben Maldonado, 128, Los Angeles, in a good four. Scoring: Byrd 40-36; Young 39-37; Davis 38-38. Werner, referee.

Physician: Dr. Robert Karns.
Timekeeper: Ernie Snow.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Larry Goossen.
Promoter: Daniel Goossen.
(4-28-87)

▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Irving Mitchell, 126, San Diego, scored a needed victory when Juan Paredes, 126, Mexico City, was stopped at the end of the sixth of a scheduled 10 because of a cut right eye. The stronger Mitchell (30-5) floored Paredes (32-9-1) in the first with a solid left. Lou Moret, referee.

Mike Zena, 126, El Cajon, unanimously outslugged (60-54, 59-54, 59-54) Ralph Gutierrez, 125, Los Angeles, in a six-round war. Zena (7-0) and Gutierrez (7-12-5) were both cut and hurt. Raul Caiz, referee.

Gilbert Baptist, 154, San Diego, stunningly knocked out Eric McNair, 153, San Diego, in 2:15 of the first of a scheduled six. Referee Dr. James Jen-Kin gave McNair (4-4) every opportunity to recover from a Baptist (5-4) roundhouse right, but he was forced to step in when a combination floored McNair.

David Smith, 155, Campo, and Willie Jewell, 155, San Diego, drew in a four-round battle of first-time pros. Jen-Kin, referee.

Joaquin Martinez, 155, San Diego, was floored in the second by improving Alvin Arnold, 155, Los Angeles, but he recovered to take a four-round majority decision. Jen-Kin, referee.

Stocky Terry Armstrong, 219, Los Angeles, won a four-round majority verdict over Tony Crawford, 210, Oceanside. Caiz, referee.

Physician: Dr. William Lundeen.
Timekeeper: Mike Millsap.
Announcer: Fred Lewis.
Matchmaker: Eric Bonilla.
Promoter: Bob DePhillippis.
(4-30-87)

▶**LOS ANGELES—The Sports Arena**—Carlos Zarate, 126¼, Mexico City, made it 10 straight on his comeback by stopping John Boyd, 124¾, Houston, in 2:45 of the fifth of a scheduled 10. A small house saw the 35-year-old former WBC bantamweight champion wear down Boyd (7-4-1) with perfectly placed body punches. A left hook to the liver floored Boyd for an eight count with one minute to go in the fifth. Boyd retreated to the ropes where Zarate (60-2) opened up with combinations to the head and body. Boyd was beginning to wilt again when referee Rozadilla wisely called it off.

Veteran Raul Valdez, 116¼, Mexico City, countered craftily off the ropes in his split win over Alonzo Strongbow (Gonzalez), 115, Sepulveda, 10. Valdez (32-14-8) opened a big early lead and held off the aggressive Strongbow (19-11-1), who came on strongly from the seventh. Scoring: Rozadilla 97-93 Valdez; Gwen Adair 96-93 Strongbow; Delgado 98-92 Valdez. Lou Filippo, referee.

Alfred Rangel, 127½, San Antonio, boxed superbly to unanimously outscore Salvador Zamora, 124¾, Mexico City, over 10 excellent rounds. Zamora (23-3-1) pressed forward and threw plenty of leather, but he was outpunched by the quicker Rangel (14-2). Scoring: Rozadilla 98-92; Delgado 97-94; Filippo 98-92. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Hard-hitter Rocky Cazares, 134, Blythe, forced Arnulfo Luna, 134¼, Bakersfield, to quit in his corner at the end of the sixth of a scheduled eight. Cazares (15-2-1) floored Luna (15-11-2) in the first. Scoring through six: Adair 59-54; Filippo 58-56; Jordan 58-56. Delgado, referee.

Evenly matched Frank Fazio, 127½, Mountain View, and Hector Lizarraga, 134, Fresno, drew, eight. Fazio (13-4-1) was cut by the left eye in the second, but Lizarraga (5-6-3) failed to press his advantage. Scoring: Filippo 77-75 Fazio; Rozadilla 77-75 Lizarraga; Jordan 76-76. Delgado, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Robert Karns.
Timekeeper: Aaron Koslow.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Ernie Fuentes, Jerry Niss.
Promoter: Bill Nasto.
(5-5-87)

DEAN LOHUIS

COLORADO

Former WBC super lightweight champion Lonnie Smith returned home to Denver with a 10th-round TKO win over Ronnie Villa.

▶**DENVER—Mommoth Gardens**—Former WBC super lightweight champion Lonnie Smith, 141, Denver, returned home to rekindle his fallen star against Ronnie Villa, 140, Las Cruces. Smith was declared the winner at 1:26 of the 10th and final frame when referee Nobar Garcia halted the one-sided affair because of cuts over and under Villa's right eye. A club fighter with an inflated record, Villa proved himself to be game and dogged, but was in over his head from the opening bell. The improbable Smith was at once both brilliant and bewildering, staggering Villa with crisp combinations and wicked lefts only to step back and peer sideways from a half crouch like some street kid checking for cops around the corner. At times, Smith would whirlygig around Villa, throwing punches from unlikely angles yet landing the better half of them. At other times, Smith would clown and get tagged. All in all, an entertaining bout and a much needed win for Smith, who, with new manager Rich Giachetti now in his corner, is looking forward to stability and a return to prominence in the sport. Smith is 22-2-1.

Benji Marquez, 132, Denver, hit Jerry Benzor, 138, Las Cruces, enough times to bring down a wall, but it took an accidental butt and the resulting gash on Benzor's forehead to finally halt the beating. Technical scoring after seven of a scheduled eight, 70-62, 70-63, 69-64, all Marquez. Referee, Phil Maez.

Roy Muniz and Vidal Padilla, both 128, and both from Denver, staged a brutal eight-round battle of attrition. Muniz was the bigger banger and Padilla was forced to fight largely off the ropes. Scoring, 78-74, 79-72, 80-78, all Muniz. Muniz now 11-3, Padilla, 6-4. Maez, referee.

A fine featherweight scrap saw Bruce Flippins, Aurora, and Lorenzo Saiz, fight to a six-round draw.

In the card's opener, David Santos took a unanimous decision over Bobbie Atencio in a battle of local junior lightweights. Roger Graff, referee.

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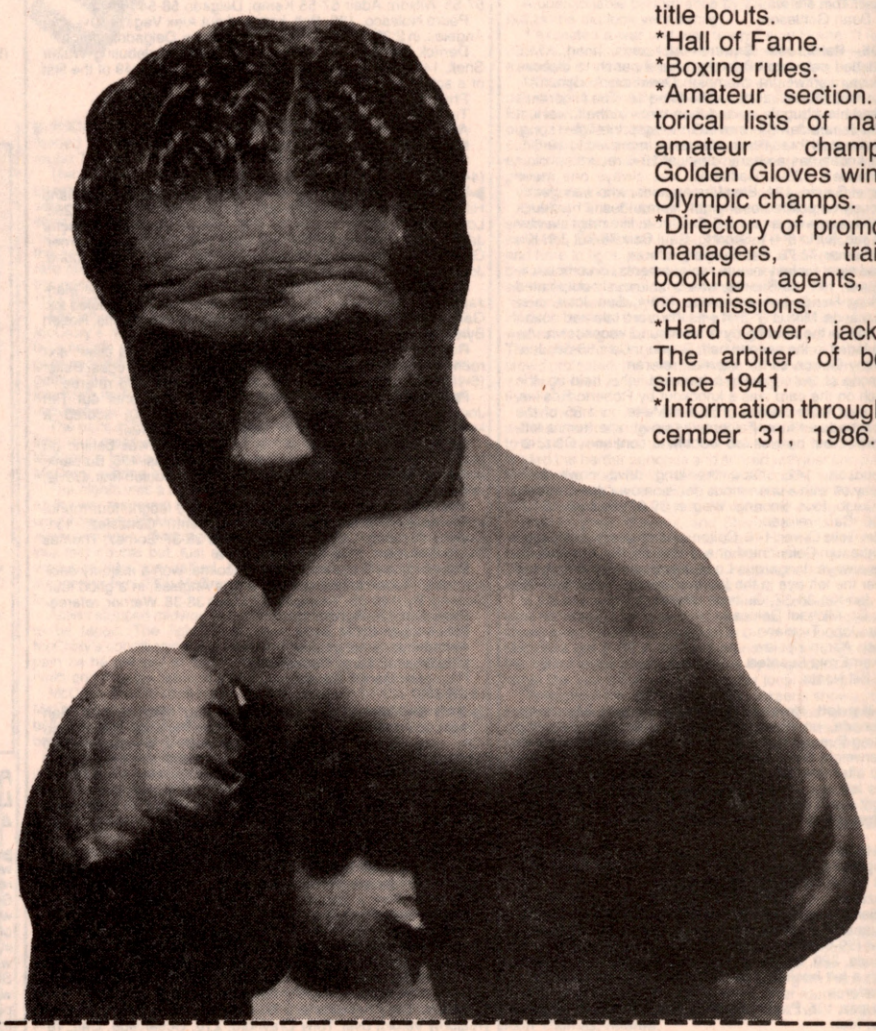

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A very disappointing crowd of about 550 came out to this show.
Promoter: Mile High Productions.
Physicians: Russ Simpson & Dan Hummel.
Timekeeper: Jim Juliano.
Announcer: Joe Garcia.
(5-8-87)

ED WALSH

CONNECTICUT

▶**HARTFORD—Civic Center Assembly Hall**—Julian Jackson of the Virgin Islands stopped Hartford's Milton Leaks at 38 seconds of the 10th round to capture the WBC's Continental Americas junior middleweight crown.

Leaks managed to put Jackson down in the sixth round, but he was dropped himself three times prior to the 10th. Leaks went down again in the 10th and seemed more interested in corralling his spilled mouthpiece while referee Matt Mullaney applied the eight count. The referee could not get a coherent answer to his questions after Leaks rose and halted the duel.

"He gave me a vacant stare," said Mullaney. "He didn't know where he was."

All three judges had Jackson ahead from four to seven points after nine. But Leaks thought he was winning hands down and planned to coast for two rounds before rallying in the final two. It was just that style, fighting with his hands and arms dangling, that created openings for Jackson, particularly in the final four rounds when right-hand shots paved the way for a final hook and left to the jaw that spun Leaks backward to the deck. Leaks' trainer, George Cruz, will try again as he's tried before to get Leaks to raise his arms in combat.

Cruz did have a winner in the semifinal six when Curtis "Trashman" Dudley, 200, of Hartford, won by disqualification over Juan Quintana, 215, Holyoke, Massachusetts, in the third. Referee Sam Maltempo repeatedly warned Quintana, then took a point away. When Quintana immediately delivered another low blow, the fight was stopped.

Jose Davila, 135, Springfield, Mass., stopped Eddie Caraballo, 139, Holyoke, in two of a slated four.

Luis Rodriguez, 138, Norwalk, outpointed Gerardo Ocampo, 134, Holyoke in four.

Hassan Shabazz, 219, Hartford, outscored Andy Gordon, 205, Norwalk, in four.

Carmelo Hernandez, 123, Holyoke, stopped Frankie Rodriguez, 129, Springfield, in two of a scheduled four.

Promoter: Connecticut Sports Promotion, Inc.
Officials: Mullaney, Maltempo, Bob Muravnick & Walt Longo.
Timekeeper: Jack LaSalle.
Announcer: Lou Dell.
Ringside Physician: Steven M. Stein, M.D.
(4-24-87)

JOSEPH CASSANO

FLORIDA

▶**MIAMI—Miami Beach Convention Center**—At 36 years of age, Roberto Duran made another comeback attempt trying to duplicate Sugar Ray Leonard.

Looking fit after losing 45 pounds in just a few weeks to bring his weight down to 163½, Duran pounded out a unanimous, 10-round decision over Puerto Rico's Victor Claudio, 162½, scoring the lone knockdown in the ninth round with a left-right combination.

Duran, 80-7, almost finished the bout in the first round, but Claudio withstood his assault. Claudio was cut over the left eye in the third and showed lots of heart in staying the distance, though his record fell to 14-4. Duran did not escape the bout unscathed, suffering an injured right hand in the third.

In his first fight in almost a year, Duran won easily on the scorecards, 98-91, 99-91 and 98-92.

"It should have been stopped in the ninth," said Duran. "He was staggering. He had no idea where he was. But I am happy. I feel good for a guy who really hasn't boxed in two years and had to lose more than 40 pounds to make weight."

On the undercard, Jose Ribalta, 238, Miami, won a unanimous, 10-round decision over Mark Young, 219, Charlotte, North Carolina. Young opened a cut over Ribalta's eye in the seventh and seemed to be taking over at this point. However, Ribalta had other ideas and just kept jabbing away, closing Young's left eye and winning the last two rounds to earn a hard-fought decision.

The scoring went 99-91, 98-92 and 97-93 for Ribalta, who improved his record to 25-4-1 in spite of injuring his right thumb in the second round.

"I know I won," said Ribalta. "I put the pressure on him and still outboxed him."

Young disagreed, saying, "I feel like I won. He didn't have as much as I thought he would."

Mario Miranda, 133, Colombia, KO'd Jose Martinez, 131½, Mexico, at 2:59 of the second of a scheduled 10. Referee Bernie Soto counted Martinez out after a terrific right decked him.

Little Joe Daniels, 196, Miami, scored a TKO at 56 seconds of the sixth and last round over Ernest Simmons, 186, Ft. Lauderdale.

In another six, Leroy Lucero, 133, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Wayne Paterson, 136, Miami.

Dexter Smith, 142¾, Homestead, lost a majority decision to Edwardo Valdez, 141, Colombia, in a closely contested bout.

Roberto Tagan, 122, Colombia, won a four-round, majority decision over Miami's Darell Pinckney.

Promoter: Duran Boxing.
Matchmaker: Luis DeCubis.
Referees: Bill Conners, Eddie Eckert & Soto.
Attendance: 3,500.
(5-16-87)

▶**MIAMI BEACH—Carillon Hotel**—Alexis Arguello made his debut as a promoter, joining forces with E.P. Promotions, and the turnout was a tribute to his popularity.

In the main event listed for 10 rounds, Jimmy Navarro, 118½, Miami, dropped Temo Villanueva, 120, Brownsville, TX, three times in the second round. Referee Billy Yohan called a halt at 2:37 and Navarro is 18-1, 16 by KOs. The Texan was no match for Navarro, who is shooting for a title match in the near future.

In a scheduled eight, "Killer" Joe Dolphin, 173, Miami, made short work of Leon Morris, 172, New Orleans. "Killer" Joe came out winging and had Morris helpless, referee Juan Aries stopping it at 2:41 of the first.

The most exciting bout of the night saw Freddie Seville, 125, Colombia, make an impressive showing, winning a majority decsion over Silford Ashby, 125, Barbados, in an eight. It was a hotly contested bout with Seville's left jabs and one-two combinations winning the fight for him. Harry Brennan refereed.

In another scheduled eight, Edward Neblett, 154, Barbados, looked very strong in scoring a TKO over Rick Coleman, 151, New Orleans. Brennan called a halt at 1:45 of the second. "Yogi Bear" Neblett is 8-0 with 6 by KO.

Jaime Polo, 126, Colombia, scored an impressive win, knocking out Joe McGrue, 127, Tampa, at 2:11 of the third round of a scheduled six. A left hook put Joe down for the full count. Yohan refereed.

Amos Cowart, 122, Tampa, won a close, but unanimous decision over Keith Majors, 122, Miami. Aries refereed.

Promoter: Alexis Arguello and E.P. Promotions.
Matchmaker: Kevin Gersh.
Attendance: 1,350.
(5-22-87)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

HAWAII

▶**HONOLULU—Sheraton Waikiki Hotel**—Coming back from a brief retirement, Hawaii's Richard Pelen, 136½, rallied in the later rounds to win a unanimous, 10-round decision over Sugar Rey Adonis, 137, of the Philippines.

Pelen won scores of 99-91 and 96-94 (twice) to up his record to 8-3 as Adonis dropped to 18-6-1.

Alex Pelen, 134, had no trouble stopping Bell, California's Guillermo Villanueva, 133, in two. Pelen is 2-0. Villanueva was a reported 4-2 coming in, but showed absolutely nothing.

John Elacqua, 223½, of Las Vegas took a split, four-round decision over Reno, Nevada's Steve Cortez, 216½, in an entertaining bout. Elacqua, who improved his record to 3-2, won scores of 40-36 and 39-36, while Cortez, 0-2, won one card 40-36.

Hawaii's Ricky Hesia, 143, needed just 1:06 to dispose of Los Angeles' Dario Diaz. Hesia upped his record to 4-0 as Diaz, allegedly 2-2 coming in, proved another import who had absolutely nothing to offer.

In a four-round rematch, Hawaii's Scott Phinney, 209, won more decisively over Hawaiian Eugene Gordon, 196. Phinney is 2-0, Gordon, 0-5.

Promoter: T.N.T. Promotions, Inc.
Referees: Abraham Pacheco & Milton Higa.
Judges: Louis Race, William Pacheco & Tamotsu Tomihara.
Physicians: Dr. Herbert Nam & Dr. Robert Maehara.
Timekeepers: Clarence Senarighi & Henry Perreira.
Attendance: 421. Gross: $5,410.
(4-28-87)

ILLINOIS

▶**CHICAGO—Di Vinci Manor**—Jeff Lanas, 164½, Chicago, in hopes of getting a shot at comebacking Roberto Duran, stopped Edgar Muniz, 166, Chicago, at 1:58 of the sixth round. Lanas, who's never been in a dull fight, took some shots early in the bout, but dominated from the fourth round on.

Angel Rodriguez, 143, Chicago, pounded out a unanimous decision over once-promising Jeff McWhorter, 143, Chicago, in six rounds. Rodriguez knocked down McWhorter with a left hook in the second round and won the bout with an aggressive attack. Referee Brian O'Shea, 29-24; Judge Jerry Jakubco, 29-24; Judge Jerry Hultz, 28-25.

David Davis, 161, Chicago, looked wild and confused at times, but captured a six-round unanimous decision over Ben Judah, 167, Chicago. Davis, a deaf mute, has good right-handed punching power along with the potentially hazardous habit of looking to his corner for advice during a bout. Referee Bobby Carillo, 30-25; Judge Collins Brown, 29-26; Jakubco 28-26.

Mike Johnson, 143, Benton Harbor, Mi., is a fighter to watch and he made Robert "Nkrumah" Brooks, 143, Chicago, painfully aware of that by wearing him down with a strong body attack and stopping him at 1:30 of the fifth round.

Promoter: Cliff Lanas.
Matchmaker: Jack Cowen.
Ring Announcer: Ben Bentley.
Attendance: 200 (est.).
(4-25-87)

▶**CHICAGO—American Congress**—Headlining an eight-bout card was a soft, 206-pound Lee Roy Murphy, Chicago, making one of his rare hometown appearances. Murphy chopped and chopped but couldn't cut down Bobby Crabtree, 204, Fort Smith, Arkansas. The first five rounds were action-packed as both fighters traded bombs with "The Fightin' Hillbilly" going down courtesy of a Murphy right in the third. Referee Stanley Berg, 49-41; Judges Mike Glienna and Bill Lerch, 50-40, all in favor of Murphy.

Ron Amundsen, 155, Chicago, boxed beautifully in winning a unanimous, six-round decision over previously undefeated L.C. Robinson, 156, University City, MO. Robinson hit the deck once. Referee Nate Morgan, 30-23; Judge Tim Evans, 30-24; Judge Jerry Jakubco, 29-24.

Hermino Morales, 139, Chicago, won his second fight in a row over Lamont Buchanan, 139, Berkley, MO., with a tough, eight-round split decision. Jakubco, 37-36 (Morales); Evans, 38-36 (Buchanan); *The Ring* and Morgan agreed 38-34 (Morales).

Kimmuel Odum, 231, Gary IN., TKO'd previously undefeated Dion Burgess, 261, Cleveland, OH. at 2:00 of the second round of a scheduled six-rounder.

An exciting prospect, Charles Hollis, 155, Dallas TX., attacked the body of a comebacking Rick Haynes, 155, Rockford, IL. and stopped him at 2:45 of the second round of a scheduled six.

Richard Campbell, 128, Milwaukee, WI., outhustled Joseph Kirkland, 131, Chicago to win a four-round majority decision. Morgan, 19-17 (Campbell); Jakubco 19-16 (Campbell); *The Ring* and Evans agreed at 18-18.

William McDonald, 162, Chicago, after being staggered and cut badly in Round One, came back to subdue Virgil Marris, 160, Milwaukee, at 1:02 of the second round in a scheduled four.

Norberto Bueno, 155, Chicago halted Sugar Ray Vaxter, 156, Gary IN., at 2:52 of the second of a scheduled four.

Promoter: Cedric Kushner.
Matchmaker: Jack Cowen.
Attendance: 250.

JEFF CARLSON

(4-28-87)

KENTUCKY

▶**RICHMOND—National Guard Armory**—Promoter Greg Ginter presented a card of six four-rounders.

Richmond's Chuck Knapp, 145, scored a unanimous decision over Birmingham's George Randolph, 150.

Columbus, Indiana's Jimmy Baker, 170, took a unanimous win over Indianapolis' Kelly Brown, 178.

Hazard, Kentucky's Larry Phelps won unanimously over Cincinnati's Mark Green, 195.

Richmond's Blake Dotsen, 158, scored a unanimous win over Evansville, Indiana's George Reedy, 157.

Richmond's Shawn Evans, 200, scored a 47-second KO of Cincinnati's Milton Green.

Indianapolis' Mark Brannon, 134, won by unanimous decision from Richmond's Reggie Strickland, 135.

Referees: T. O'Brien & Chuck Sayre.
Judges: O'Brien, Sayre, Joel Roitman & Jack Kerns.
Timekeeper: Bryan Miller.
Announcer: Mark Cole.
(4-29-87)

▶**LEXINGTON—Rupp Arena**—Middleweight Darrin Van Horn took a test much tougher than any he has encountered as an 18-year-old freshman at the University of Kentucky when he placed his unbeaten mark on the line against talented Elio Diaz of Venezuela.

Diaz, whose only losses in 30-plus fights came at the hands of Mike Olajide and Donald Curry, provided Van Horn with his first "name" opponent, and the hometown favorite handled the challenge superbly, winning an action-packed, 10-round, unanimous decision.

When Diaz tried to box, Van Horn outboxed him. When the visitor attempted to slug, the local out-punched him, eventually dropping Diaz for the first time in his career in the final round.

Louisville heavyweight James Pritchard continued his path toward contention with a seven-round TKO of Kevin Cashmere

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2. Tyrell Biggs (Pennsylvania)
3. Michael Spinks (Pennsylvania)
4. Trevor Berbick (Novia Scotia)
5. James Douglas (Ohio)
6. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
7. Razor Ruddock (Ontario)
8. Jose Ribalta (Florida)
9. Gerry Cooney (New York)
10. Michael Williams (Texas)
11. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
12. Terry Alexander (Florida)
13. Greg Page (Kentucky)
14. Orlin Norris (California)
15. James Pritchard (Kentucky)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Bert Cooper (Pennsylvania)
1. Dwight M Qawi (New Jersey)
2. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
3. Henry Tillman (California)
4. Alfonso Ratliff (Illinois)
5. Lee Roy Murphy (Connecticut)
6. Bernard Benton (Pennsylvania)
7. Michael Arms (Arkansas)
8. Rickey Parkey (Tennessee)
9. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
10. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
11. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
12. Sherman Griffin (Texas)
13. Glen McCrory (Louisiana)
14. Arthel Lawhorne (Michigan)
15. Jesse Shelby (Texas)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Edwards (Michigan)
1. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
2. Chris Reid (New Jersey)
3. Eddie Davis (New York)
4. Ramzi Hassan (California)
5. Vincent Boulware (Texas)
6. Uriah Grant (Florida)
7. Mustafa Hamsho (New York)
8. Virgil Hill (North Dakota)
9. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
10. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
11. Jeff Thompson (Michigan)
12. Frank Minton (Indiana)
13. Tony Willis (Illinois)
14. Jim MacDonald (Michigan)
15. Andre McCall (Texas)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
1. Marvin Hagler (Massachusetts)
2. Mike Olajide (Canada)
3. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
4. Michael Nunn (California)
5. Frank Tate (Michigan)
6. Iran Barkley (New York)
7. Don Lee (New York)
8. Tony Thornton (New Jersey)
9. Mardo Roybal (California)
10. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)
11. Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
12. Mark McPherson (New York)
13. Matt Farrago (New York)
14. James Kinchen (California)
15. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)

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Champion
Milton McCrory (Michigan)
1. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
2. Lupe Aquino (California)
3. David Braxton (Michigan)
4. Troy Darrell (New York)
5. Kenny Snow (Texas)
6. Kevin Moley (New York)
7. John Jackson (Pennsylvania)
8. Steve Little (Pennsylvania)
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13. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
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Champion
Harold Brazier (Indiana)
1. Buddy McGirt (New York)
2. Rene Arrendondo (Mexico)
3. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)
4. Ron Shields (Texas)
5. Cassius Clay Horne (Arizona)
6. Roger Mayweather (Nevada)
7. John Meekins (New York)
8. Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
9. Howard Davis (New York)
10. Gato Gonzalez (Mexico)
11. Jesse Lopez (Oregon)
12. John Montes (California)
13. Othal Dixon (Texas)
14. Vincent Releford (Texas)
15. Robert Guy (Texas)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Pernell Whitaker (Virginia)
1. Jose Ramirez (Mexico)
2. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)
3. Vincent Pazienza (Rhode Island)
4. Cubanito Perez (California)
5. Yogi Buchanan (Missouri)
6. John Duplessis (Louisiana)
7. Darryl Tyson (DC)
8. Vinnie Costello (New York)
9. Raul Lopez (Mexico)
10. Mauricio Aceves (Mexico)
11. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
12. Primo Ramos (Mexico)
13. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
14. Keith Stevenson (Florida)
15. Dwayne Swift (Oklahoma)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mario Miranda (Florida)
1. Juan LaPorte (New York)
2. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
3. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
4. Tony Lopez (California)
5. Dennis Cruz (New York)
6. Pasqual Aranda (Texas)
7. Dwight Pratchett (Texas)
8. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
9. Genaro Hernandez (California)
10. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
11. Lupe Miranda (Texas)
12. Joey Medina (Arizona)
13. Ken Baysmore (DC)
14. Guadalupe Gutierrez (California)
15. Refugio Rojas (Mexico)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
1. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
2. Hector Lopez (California)
3. Jaime Garza (California)
4. George Navarro (New Jersey)
5. Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
6. Steve Cruz (Texas)
7. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
8. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
9. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
10. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
11. Bruno Rabanales (Mexico)
12. Alberto Mercado (California)
13. Tony Pep (Canada)
14. Irvin Mitchell (California)
15. Roger Arevalo (Mexico)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
1. Darryl Thigpen (Missouri)
2. Jesse Benavides (Texas)
3. Harold Petty (Texas)
4. George Garcia (California)
5. James Pipps (Texas)
6. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
7. Alfredo Rangel (Texas)
8. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
9. Juan Veloz (New York)
10. Gil Contreras (Texas)
11. Mario Gomez (Mexico)
12. Jorge Diaz (California)
13. Tony English (Pennsylvania)
14. Tony Montoya (Utah)
15. Steve McCrory (Michigan)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Frankie Duarte (California)
1. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
2. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
3. Albert Davila (California)
4. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
5. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
6. Eddie Rangel (Texas)
7. Hurley Snead (Michigan)
8. David Gauvin (Texas)
9. Antonio Martinez (Mexico)
10. Raul Perez (Mexico)
11. Juan Estrada (Mexico)
12. Candelerio Carmona (Mexico)
13. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
14. Pep Valdez (Mexico)
15. Rodolfo Ortega (Mexico)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Gonzales (California)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Orlando Canizales (Texas)
3. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
4. Jimmmy Fernandez (Mexico)
5. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
6. Gilberto Sosa (Mexico)
7. Fernando Vasquez (Mexico)
8. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
9. Mike Phelps (Texas)
10. G. Villalogos (Mexico)
11. Marco Benitez (Mexico)
12. Art Ruiz (Mexico)
13. Armando Velasco (Mexico)
14. Javier Guerrere (Mexico)
15. Buzo Gonzalez (Mexico)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
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Vacant
1. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
2. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
3. German Torres (Mexico)
4. Willie Salazar (Mexico)
5. Rodolfo Alvarado (Mexico)
6. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
7. Emilie Santos (Mexico)
8. Santiago Mendez (Mexico)
9. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
10. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
11. Pedro Rabago (Mexico)
12. Manuel Diaz (Mexico)
13. Humberto Gonzalez (Mexico)
14. Javier Alonzo (Mexico)
15. Adalberto Martinez (Mexico)

of New Orleans. The 25-year-old Pritchard weighed 215 to Cashmere's 199½.

Evansville, Indiana's John "Poppa" Moore, 166, captured a split, six-round decision over Memphis' Knox Brown, 160.

Louisville veteran middleweight Sammy Floyd scored a five-round TKO over Harlan, Kentucky's Gary Greer.

A six-rounder between Manchester's Marty Wolfe, 132, and Lexington's Bryan Brown, 127, was declared no contest.

Lexington's Earl White, 156, won a four-round, unanimous decision over Evansville's Rusty Williams, 157.

Evansville's Bill Durbin, 147, stopped Memphis' Bruce Card, 159, at 2:30 of the third of a scheduled four.

Promoter: Thoroughbred Pro Boxing.
Referees: Dixon & O'Brien.
Physician: James Ross.
Judges: Anderson, Kempf & O'Brien.
Timekeeper: Sayre.
(4-20-87)

MICHIGAN

▶**DETROIT—Cobo Arena**—It was only meant to be tuneup for former IBF lightweight champion Jimmy Paul, 138¼, Detroit MI as he prepared for a hoped-for world title shot later this year. But the shockwaves could still be felt in the arena an hour after the fight finished. Unknown Emancio Castro, 138, Colombia shocked the boxing world by knocking out Paul at 2:59 of the second round before Paul's hometown fans.

The opening round had been nothing out of the ordinary as Paul stalked his opponent and Castro stayed outside his range. Paul looked the stronger of the two and is known for his slow starts. Towards the end of the first round Paul did get in a single right hand, but Castro managed to evade almost all of Paul's blows. In the second round, it looked like "The Ringmaster" Paul, 26-3, was starting to gauge the distance better, but it was still the bull and the matador as Paul chased Castro around the ring. Moving to cut the Colombian off in a neutral corner, Paul charged forward and Castro threw a counter right. Paul stopped in his tracks, his knees almost buckled and he wobbled backward to lean on the ropes. Seeing Paul in trouble, Castro swarmed him, throwing heavy flurries, and knocked the Kronk fighter to the canvas. Paul got up and took the eight count, but the Colombian wasn't about to let him off the hook and pummeled him heavily on the ropes. Referee Marv MacDonald stepped between the two fighters and many thought the fight had been stopped, but MacDonald ordered Castro to the other neutral corner and gave Paul a standing eight count.

Castro's corner was furious, feeling the bout should have been stopped, but it proved only to be a matter of seconds. As soon as MacDonald ordered the two fighters together again, Paul started to back towards his own corner and a crushing right hand by Castro dropped him limply to the canvas. The audience sat stunned as Paul lay there down and out. For Paul, it was the only time in his career he has ever been stopped and the first time he has ever been off his feet. Scheduled for 10 rounds.

NABF light heavyweight champion Willie "Sandman" Edwards, 178, Detroit, MI started his comeback with his first outing since being stopped by Bobby Czyz in his bid for the IBF crown in February of 1987. Edwards came off victorious by knocking out Tony Morrison, 178, Toronto Ontario, Canada at 1:28 of the fifth canto with a crushing right hand that put the Canadian down for the count. Edwards, 23-3-1, suffered a cut over his left eye from a headbutt in the fourth after having Morrison, 12-5-1, on the deck in the third round. The bout was scheduled for eight rounds.

Toronto welterweight Donovan Boucher, 148, Canada stopped the comeback bid of Arnie Wells, 141¼, Davison, MI by scoring a technical knockout at 2:29 of the sixth and final round when referee Tom Briscoe stepped in to stop the fight. Wells, who had not fought since Jan. 3, 1985, dropped to 17-6.

Undefeated Roosevelt "Rooster" Brown, 150¾, Benton Harbor, MI ran his pro record to 3-0 stopping "The Silver Fox" Joe Senegal, 154, Detroit, MI at 2:52 of the fifth round after knocking him down in the third round and twice more in the fifth round of their scheduled six-rounder. Senegal slipped to 4-6-3.

Making his hometown debut, Roke Harris, 173¾, Detroit, MI evened his record at 2-2 by pounding out a four-round decision over Ken Kirkwood, 170, Ypsilanti, MI. Kirkwood, 1-6, was down two times in the fight, losing 40-34 on all three scorecards.

Another fighter evening his record was Lonnie Stubbs, 142, Pontiac, Mi who TKO'd John Wright, 138¾, Detroit, MI at 2:59 of the opening round. Stubbs is 1-1, Wright 3-12. Scheduled four.

Promoter: Ringside Productions Inc.
Matchmaker: Tommy Faca.
Chief Inspector: Ted Kuzemka.
Referees—Tom Briscoe, Marv MacDonald.
Judges—Nate McKalpin, Frank Garza and Chip Acey.
Announcer: Wally Jackson.
Timekeepers: Ken Pace and Joe Kollins.
(4-30-87)

▶**STERLING HEIGHTS—Premier Center**—This was not a good day for fighters from the Southwest as local fighters went seven to zip in head-to-head competition, although that may not be a fair assessment as most of the opponents appeared to be catchers on this card. Michigan Cruiserweight Champion Spencer "The Warrior" Chavis, 188½, Dearborn Heights, MI showed some very good hand speed that had seemingly disappeared in his last few fights. It was there this night, and it was too bad for sluggish Antonio "Teo" Arrvizu, 187½, billed out of Harlingen, TX, because he made an excellent target to test out fast combinations on. A double right hand put Arrvizu down for the count at 2:18 of the opening round and improved "The Warrior's" record to 22-2. Scheduled 10.

In the co-main event Steve McCrory, 124, Detroit, MI had no trouble with his opponent Ramon Guiellen, 121¼, announced from Rio Bravo, TX, but billed also out of Harlingen, TX. A quick left hook by the former Olympic Gold Medal winner put "Chango"

Guiellen down for the count at 2:55 of the second round. The victory moved McCrory to 14-2-1. Scheduled for 10 rounds.

Tom "Boom Boom" Johnson, 125½, Evansville, In lowered the boom on Tony Cisneros, 128, Phoenix, AZ, knocking him through the ropes and stopping him at 1:32 of the fifth round. The victory improved Johnson's record to 5-0. Scheduled for six.

Wasting no time, Renaldo "Little Red" Carter, 115, Detroit, MI pounced on George Lujon, 118, Phoenix, AZ stopping him at 2:34 of the opening stanza. In was Carter's seventh straight victory and sixth via the stoppage route. Scheduled for six.

It looked like it was going to be a quick evening for Richard Burden, 142, Detroit, MI as he dropped Johnny "Slow Poke" Herron, 143, Kansas City, MO with a slick jab, right hand combo in the opening canto. Herron surprised him by getting up and taking him to the six-round limit in a good action fight. Burden took the nod with the scorecards reading 58-55, 59-54 and 60-54 to improve his pro log to 8-1-1.

Eric "The Whip" Curry, 208, Detroit, MI pounded on Ivy "Poison" Brown, 216, Kansas City, MO for six rounds to sweep the cards 60-54 and move his record to 13-2. Curry looked to be getting back into shape again having dropped eight pounds from last month's card.

The opening bout on the card had Tim Bullock, 183½, Detroit, MI scoring a four-round TKO over Ron "The Axe" Ackerson, 179, Oklahoma City, OK, depositing Ackerson on the mats with a right hand at the 2:33 mark. Bullock is 9-4-1. A scheduled six.

Promoter: ABC Promotions Inc.
Matchmaker: Bojack Magum.
Chief Inspector: James Cullen.
Referees: Sam Williams and Bob Watson.
Judges: Herman McKalpin, Rich Fischer, Randy Ericson.
Announcer: Jim Ingram.

(4-28-87)

▶**SAGINAW—Civic Auditorium**—Fallouts and injuries reduced this card to only three contests, but fortunately for the promoters all the bouts went the distance and all were competitive and exciting for the fans. An out of the ordinary main event spiced things up as two stablemates squared off for the Michigan middleweight championship and a winner take all purse. Well, it wasn't really a winner take all purse. That wouldn't be legal in Michigan. But the winner got the purse, the loser one dollar. The winner was Darryl "The Atomic Dog" Spain, Bay City, MI, but he didn't have it as easy as he may have thought he would against "Little" Al Laddie, also of Bay City, MI. Laddie was going after that purse and the scoring reflected just how serious he tried as he dropped the 10-round decision 97-96, 96-95 and 98-97. Spain raised his record to 12-9 and Laddie dropped to 3-4-1.

In junior lightweight action, Billy Young, 134, Bay City, MI improved his record to 13-0-1 with an eight-round decision over Gabriel Garcia, Chicago, IL. Young dropped Garcia in the second round with a left hook, but the game Garcia refused to quit.

The opening fight on the card had light heavyweight Steve Graham, 1-2, Battle Creek, Mi winning a competitive four-round decision over Ken Kirkwood, 1-5, Ypsilanti, MI.

Promoter: Dore Enterprises.
Matchmaker: Lindy Lindell.
Attendance: 600 (Est.).

(4-13-87)

▶**STERLING HEIGHTS—Premiere Center**—There were more than a few yawns for one half of the month's ABC Promotions doubleheader as Spencer "The Warrior" Chavis, 187½, of Dearborn Heights, MI coasted easily to become the new Michigan cruiserweight champion. Curtis "The Coffee Man" Isaac, 187, Kalamazoo, MI had not fought since July 16, 1985 when he had won a decision over Chavis in Detroit to retain his state crown. After the final bell to end his 10-rounder, you could say that he still hadn't fought since 1985. Chavis, 21-2, did all the punching to sweep the scorecards, 100-89, 100-90 & 100-90 and win the title. Isaac, 12-4, did little punching at all and many of the fans and ringsiders would not have been upset if he had been disqualified for failing to participate.

Olympic Gold Medal winner Steve McCrory, 124, Detroit, MI continued his comeback bid under the new reigns of promoter Johnny Ace Smith. McCrory, 13-2-1, pounded out a sweeping 100-88, 99-98, 99-89 decision over Chris Diaz, 125½, New York, NY. The gutsy Diaz received a standing-eight count in the eighth round, but hung on to take McCrory the distance.

A terrific slam-bang affair saw local favorite Ellery "ET" Thomas, 143¾, Detroit, MI decked by a right hand from George "Kid" Romero, 138½, Wichita, KS in the opening round. Thomas climbed off the canvas and decked Romero twice in the same round. Thomas, 5-0, put Romero 2-1, down with a double right hand to open the second round and after Thomas landed another solid right, referee Bob Fisher stopped the contest at 1:09 of the second round of the scheduled six-rounder.

Renaldo "Little Red" Carter, 118½, Detroit, MI continued to impress the fans as he scored a technical knockout at 2:25 of the second round over Nicholas "Stinger" Wagner, 123, Wichita, KS for his sixth consecutive victory and his fifth stoppage. Scheduled for six.

In heavyweight action, Eric "The Whip" Curry, 216, Detroit, MI gave a solid pasting to Nick Kendrick, 199, Louisville, KY, stopping him at 0:58 of the fourth round. Curry, 12-2, had the previously unbeaten Kendrick, 4-1, down in the second and fourth rounds and heavily bleeding from the nose. Scheduled six.

Vince "Blue Thunder" Hopper, 178½, Livonia, MI had absolutely no trouble with Michael "Wild Wil" Wilson, 178½, Bowling Green, KY, giving him a standing-eight count in the first and another in the second along with two knockdowns to score a TKO victory at 2:14 of the second canto. Hopper is 12-2. Scheduled for six.

Promoter: ABC Promotions.
Matchmaker: Bojack Magum.
Chief Inspector: John Jackson
Referees: Bob Fisher, Marv MacDonald.
Judges: Sue Denton, Charlene Warner Frank Barbarish.
Announcer: Jim Ingram.
Timekeeper: Bill Hunter.

(3-31-87)

DAVE HARTOON

MINNESOTA

▶**BROOKLYN CENTER—Sheraton-Northwest Hotel**—Two local rising middleweights were the headliners in the hotel ballroom against opponents from Wisconsin. It was planned that if they both won as expected, they would meet in a month for the state middleweight title. That fight will not come off as one was victorious while the other suffered a crushing defeat.

Dan Schommer of Coon Rapids remained undefeated, running his record to 8-0 when he stopped Walter (Raheim Muhammad) Cowans Jr. in the sixth round. Cowans (6-31-0) was on the deck in the second and fifth rounds before the match was stopped in the sixth. The other middleweight, David McCall of St. Paul, met last-minute sub Virgil "Midnight" Marris of Milwaukee. Virgil caught the slow starting McCall with a solid right in the opening seconds of the first round. McCall went down and took a count. Virgil was on him quickly and McCall was in a helpless state when referee Denny Nelson called a halt at the 47-second mark. McCall is now 7-3-0.

Heavyweight Chuck Gardner of Minneapolis (20-9-0) stopped Terrance Cowans of Milwaukee at 1:05 of the first round.

Rocky McCaleb of Rochester (11-1-3) stopped the often-stopped Stan Johnson of Milwaukee in a heavyweight bout. Johnson's record is now 2-16-0, and all his losses have come by kayo.

(4-21-87)

▶**DULUTH—Arena**—Rick Sekorski, St. Paul heavyweight, had an easy time of it as he won a one-sided, unanimous 10-round decision over substitute Walter Santemore of Baltimore. Sekorski was never able to land the big punch on the veteran Santemore as the 239-pounder would tie Rocky up on the inside where he could have done the most damage. Only in the ninth round did Sekorski land a solid right that staggered Santemore. Other than that, it was the aggressiveness and hooks of the 208-pound Rocky that dominated the fight. Santemore, who subbed on two-day notice, mostly grabbed and held and did little fighting. Sekorski improved his record to 19-7-0.

Billy Englund, Duluth light heavy, returned to action by winning a five-round decision over Willie Mayberry of Duluth.

John LaGarde, Duluth, outpointed Anthony Moon of Minneapolis in a four-round welterweight bout.

Attendance: 1,258.
Gate: $11,000 (est.).

(5-9-87)

▶**BROOKLYN PARK—Sheraton Northwest Hotel**—Undefeated Minneapolis middleweight Dan Schommer knocked out last-minute substitute, one Demetrius Jackson of Milwaukee, in the second round. Last-minute subs have become common of late here in Minnesota as this time Chicago's Ben Judah bowed out over money. Because of the lack of experience on Jackson's part, the fight was cut from eight to four rounds, but it really didn't make much difference how many rounds it was set for. Jackson tried to make a fight of it as he landed several solid rights on Schommer's chin in the first round. But in the second round, Schommer forced Jackson into a neutral corner and landed a crushing left hook to the jaw which sent Jackson to the deck, unconscious for nearly a full minute. Schommer has a 9-0-0 record.

Rocky McCaleb, 199½, Rochester outpointed Lou Wolford, 204, St. Paul in six.

Richie Albrecht, Coon Rapids lightweight, made his pro debut by stopping Girald Rydeaut of Milwaukee at 2:35 of the third round.

Don Kummala of Anoka outpointed Arvell Campbell of Milwaukee in a four-round lightweight bout.

Attendance: 385.

(5-18-87)

GEORGE D. BLAIR

NEW HAMPSHIRE

▶**CONCORD—Everett Arena**—Novice promoter Tom Adair continues to draw respectable crowds in New Hampshire's capitol despite having to rely on imported headliners.

Illinois state welterweight champ Ali "UFO" Hamza was the main attraction for this show. Hamza, 145, Chicago, said he'd been battling a cold, which may have been why he looked quick and flashy but decidedly unspectacular in pounding out a lopsided, eight-round decision over late sub Cesar Guzman, 146, New Jersey. Guzman was intent on survival and grabbed and held at every chance, offering just a pawing jab for offense. Hamza had problems putting combinations together and showed a tendency to windmill, but we still saw him pitching a shutout. Judge Jim Finnegan had it 79-71, Peter Buckush 80-73, and William James 79-72. Hamza improves to 19-2-2.

The best preliminary saw Peter Galvin, 145, Marblehead, Mass., use a textbook left jab right cross to stop Roberto Soares, 145, Springfield, Mass., at 1:25 of the second round of their scheduled four-rounder.

Three featherweight four-rounders opened the show. Carlos Vergara, 124, Springfield, battered Adam Avelas, 123, Lawrence, Mass., with referee Bob Martin stopping the fight at 2:22 of the third.

Jose Davila, 125, Chicopee, Mass., utilized body blows to flatten Hartford's Jose Soto 125, in just 50 seconds.

Rockland, Mass. slugger Billy Murphy, 126, made his pro debut a memorable one by dispatching Springfield's Sammy Cardona, 127, in a mere 35 seconds.

Promoter: Tom Adair Teaco Promotions.
Director of Events: Al Nayer.
Referee: Bob Martin.
Judges: Jim Finnegan, Peter Buckush & William James.
Timekeeper: Bob LaChance.
Announcer: Ken Berman
Physician: Dr. Rene Barrette.
N.H. Boxing Commissioner: State Senator Robert Stephen.
Attendance: 500 (est.).

(5-2-87)

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NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International**—In order to guard his position for a WBC lightweight title fight this summer, a slightly pudgy Terrence Ali, 138, NYC, took on his third straight "safe" opponent of 1987 and won this scheduled 10 by TKO at 2:58 of the ninth over Rodney Moore, also 138, Philadelphia.

The underdog showed plenty of spirit early on, even staggering Ali in the third with two booming rights, but a steady body attack by the favorite (especially in Round Six) put him on top to stay. Terrence finally put his foe on the canvas with a series of punches in the ninth. A weakened Moore managed to beat the count, but a look of defeat gave referee Tony Perez ample reason to stop the bout.

Said Ali afterward, "He had the reach on me, so I didn't jab as much as I usually do. I wasn't throwing the same amount of ocmbinations because I was waiting, getting more leverage on shots. I'm strong at this weight. I thought I would be strong for him."

While the Ali people weren't exactly thrilled by his method, at least the win held firm his ranking. Said trainer Donald Hayes, "This wasn't his best performance, but at least he didn't lose."

The undercard was ripe with some amateurish but crowd pleasing punch outs.

A minor upset occurred in the semi when another Philadelphian, Marvin "Machine Gun" Garris, 138¾, took a rather easy 10-round, unanimous decision over southpaw Joe Belinc, 138¾, Marysville, WA.

The bout was even early, but a right hand knockdown of Belinc late in Round Three turned the tide as Garris swept the next four rounds and then hung tough to grab the well-earned victory.

Scores: Frank Brunette, 97-92; Lynn Carter, 97-93; and John Stewart, 96-93. *The Ring* agreed with Carter. Ref; Paul Venti.

Roland Cummings, 133, Youngstown, Ohio, and Mark "The Cannon" Brannon, 134½, Indianapolis, Ind., engaged in a wild and woolly, free-swinging affair with lots of loading up, sucker punching and numerous spills to the canvas (by Brannon). One of those trips to the floor included a knockdown in the third round. Brannon may have won that round anyway, but eventually lost a six-round, unanimous decision to Cummings.

Scores: Frank Brunette, 60-53; Carter, 58-56; and Stewart, 59-56. *The Ring* card read 59-54 for Cummings. Ref; Perez.

Carlos "Psycho" Bates, 136, Elkhart, IN., TKO'd Luis "Jr." Rodriquez, 137, Norwalk, CT., at 2:22 of the second in a scheduled six. Luis was dropped once in the first and was taking an unanswered pounding on the ropes when referee Venti stopped it.

A rotund Hassan Shabazz, 244½, Hartford, CT., took a unanimous, four-round decision over Joey Christjohn, 212, Oneida, WS. The crude but willing Christjohn was put down in the final session. Ref; Venti. Scores: Brunette and Carter at 39-36, while Stewart saw it 40-35.

Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.
Promoter: Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker: Teddy Brenner and Bruce Trampler.
(5-19-87)

JACK OBERMAYER

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino**—It was a shame, but it was nobody's fault. The safety imperative can short-circuit a developing battle before anyone is satisfied as when Lenny LaPaglia, 170¼, Chi., TKO'd Marvin Mack, 168½, Phila., at 2:39 of the first, scheduled 10. Mack came out boxing cautiously against the hard-hitting stalker and took an early lead. But LaPaglia, who has relocated to Brigantine, NJ, with trainer Carmine Graziano in an attempt to revive his career, began to connect. Suddenly, a booming straight right catapulted Marvin into his own corner where only the turnbuckles held him up. After a couple more shots, ref Vinnie Rainone intervened, noticed Mack listing to starboard as he attempted to stand tall, and abruptly stopped the fight.

The action unleashed a torrent of angry protest from the fighter, his corner and fans that made the bout tame by comparison. Many faulted the ref for not giving a standing eight, though Mack's rubbery condition justifiably precluded that. Even LaPaglia looked somewhat abashed as if he'd have preferred a cleaner victory. "I'm going to retire from boxing and take my stable with me," fumed the loser's manager, Charles Singletary, "if I have to put up with crap like this."

Improving Dave Tiberi, 164, New Castle, Del., a cautious boxer who seems to be gaining confidence, pounded out a decisive, unanimous win over Bob Wasielewski, 163, Bayonne, eight. Ref, Rudy Battle.

Willie Ford, 130½, Phila., shellacked Alejandro Rivera, 131½, NYC, for a unanimous win in an all-action six. Ref, Rainone.

Mike "Honeybee" Williams, 161, NYC, took a unanimous, technical decision over Esteban "Junior" Rodriguez, 158, Ponce, PR, via Haledon, NJ, after three of a scheduled four. Rodriguez took a standing eight in the first and was beaten up until unable to continue following a cut eye from a clash of heads, with the outcome reverting to the scorecards. Ref, Battle.

David Jones, 141, Millville/Clementon, won a unanimous verdict over green Earl Madia (Williams), 142, Phila., in a good four. Ref, Rainone.

Promoter: Josephine Abercrombie & Stan Hoffman (HBA Inc.).
Matchmaker: Ron Katz.
Attendance: 450 (est.).
Judges: Milo Savage, Thomas Kaczmarek & Charlie Spina.
Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
(5-15-87)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International**—Anthony English, 125¾, Camden, returned to action after switching to a new manager, Jack Prince. Anthony impressed with a TKO over tough Raphe Sims, 131, Houston, at 2:50 of the sixth, scheduled 10. The bout was an exciting slugfest that topped an excellent ESPN card. Raphe was very much in the fight as both mixed in nonstop action. But English showed little rust, outsped Sims with his hands and outmaneuvered the flat-footed banger. A left hook counter had Anthony hurt in the first, but he opened a cut on Raphe's left eye in the third that proved the Texan's eventual undoing. Sims was rocked by a right in a sensational fifth, while English suffered a cut eye of his own. In the following session, the Texan's wound had become too severe and ref Frank Cappuccino justly called a halt.

They've picked on Stacy McSwain long enough and he's not going to take it anymore! One of the toughest "cannon fodder" opponents in boxing, Stacy is constantly matched with heroes on their way up and never fails to give his all. He just had to "turn the corner" one of these nights, and it was Kenny Snow's bad luck to be in the ring with him when he did. McSwain, 162¾, Mt. Clemens, Mich., via Forest City, NC, beat the daylights out of Snow, 162, Columbus, OH, via Tyler, TX, to score an upset, unanimous decision, 10. When Snow staggered McSwain with a left hook in the first, he probably thought it was "business as usual." But McSwain repaid the kindness with a big right in the second, then went on to force a disheartened Snow to recede all night. Kenny was in trouble in the eighth, mounted a game rally in the ninth, but was thoroughly worked over by the final bell. John Poturaj scored 98-92, Joe Pasquale 98-91 and Phil Newman 99-91. Steve Smoger refereed.

A similar pattern but with even more spectacular fireworks occurred in a sensational heavyweight eight. Rodney Frazier, 210, Phila., TKO'd Reggie Currington, 207½, Capitol Hgts., MD, at 2:31 of the fifth in a slug-a-thon. The inactive-of-late Frazier got off to a slow start and was nearly outclassed in the first. He got going in the second and had Reggie hurt. Currington went on the attack in the fourth, pinning Frazier on the ropes, but got careless. A lashing left hook turned him to rubber and he later stumbled to the canvas, ruled a slip. Reggie tried switching tactics to boxing in the fifth, but when another left hook rocked him into the ropes and a right crashed into his ribs, he had a change of heart. Reggie was already vehemently shaking his head "no" to ref Cappuccino as he slumped to the canvas.

Tyrone Frazier, 165, Phila., gained a close, unanimous decision over Dean Moore, 165, Forest City, in a rugged battle of infighting, six. Ref, Smoger.

Fred McCurry, 149¼, Forest City, beat the tar out of game, but inept Mario Batiz, 148¾, La Ceiba, Honduras, via NYC, to gain a unanimous verdict in a wild four.

Promoter: Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker: Teddy Brenner, Bruce Trampler.
Attendance: 500 (est.).
Timekeeper: Art Spell.
Announcer: Mike Buffer.
(5-7-87)

J.R. JOWETT

NEW YORK

Don Lalonde rocks Mustafa Hamsho with a right to the head at MSG's Felt Forum. Canadian Lalonde won a unanimous decision to improve his pro record to 29-2 with 24 knockouts.

▶**NEW YORK—Felt Forum**—"Golden Boy" Don Lalonde put an end to the dismal comeback attempt of former middleweight contender Mustafa Hamsho, capturing the World Boxing Council Continental Americas light heavyweight championship with a unanimous, 12-round decision in the Felt Forum.

Hamsho, in typical fashion, used every trick he had learned in 47 previous pro fights and a few he picked up in the gyms and on the streets, but Lalonde beat him at his own roughhouse game, ending Hamsho's career 42-4-2. Lalonde stands 29-2 with 24 KOs.

"There was no spot on my face he didn't butt," said Lalonde. "He was trying to twist my shoulder, too, because he knows there are pins in it, and he was trying to break them.

"He was trying to do the only thing he could do to win, and I respect him for that," Lalonde added. "I hit him low a couple of times, too, just to keep it even."

Al Reid scored 117-110, Victor Suarez, 116-110, and George DeGabriel, 118-108. Referee Arthur Mercante Jr. deducted a point from Hamsho's total in both the ninth and 10th rounds for low blows.

Lalonde, of Winnipeg, weighed 171½, with Hamsho, of Brooklyn, coming in at 170.

On the undercard, Aaron Davis of the Bronx scored a TKO over Hamilton, Ohio's James Sudberry at 2:18 of the fourth round. Davis, 141, is 9-0 with five KOs, while Sudberry, 142½, fell to 10-3-1.

In a six-round match, Dennis Cruz, 133, of the Bronx pitched a shutout over Miami's Idabeth Rojas, 134. Cruz is 23-2 with 19 KOs, Rojas 17-8 with eight KOs.

Another six saw Michael Jefferson, 159½, of the Bronx win a unanimous decision over Brooklyn's Domingo Molina, 160. Jefferson is 4-2-1, Molina 4-2-2.

Manhattan's Jose Ramon Tirado, 131, took a majority, four-round verdict from Whitestone's David Weinman, 132, to up his record to 4-3. Weinman is 1-1.

Smithtown's Joey Winters, 191, stopped West Palm Beach's debuting Ron Walker at the end of the first of a scheduled four. The knockout was Winters' second in two tries.

Brooklyn's Alex Stewart, 226, made his mark 2-0 with a three-round TKO of Brooklyn's Eric Mitchell, 198, who was making his pro debut.

Promoter: Madison Square Garden.
Judges: George DeGabriel, Al Reid, Victor Suarez & Corky Wallace.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedroza.
Attendance: 3,618.
(5-7-87)

NORTH DAKOTA

▶**GRAND FORKS—City Arena**—Undefeated Williston light heavy Virgil Hill engaged his toughest foe to date and came away an easy winner. Montana's two-time former world cruiserweight champion, Marvin Camel, provided the opposition for Hill. As it turned out, it was all over at 2:52 of the first round. It was obvious from the start that Hill was much quicker with his hands and feet than the 35-year-old Camel. Near the end of the first round, Hill cut loose with a left hook that caught Camel on the side of the head and Camel crashed to the canvas on his back where he was counted out by referee Denny Nelson. After the fight, Camel said, "It wasn't a real hard punch, but it was a quick punch. It was only one punch that put me down." Hill commented, "I don't challenge anybody, I just want to fight." Hill's record is 15-0-0; Camel slipped to 43-8-3.

Carl Fredrickson, Minot (0-1-1) and Michael Kidd of Minneapolis (1-0-2) fought to a six-round draw in a heavyweight bout.

Richard "Mad Dog" Campbell, Milwaukee lightweight (1-4-0) surprised by knocking out Mario Rivera of Minneapolis (2-3-0) in the first round.

Dan Morgan of Richfield, Minn. (2-0-0) outpointed James Robinson, Milwaukee in a four-round middleweight clash.

Referee: Denny Nelson.
Attendance: 2,000.
(5-1-87)

GEORGE D. BLAIR

OREGON

▶**EUGENE—Lane County Fairgrounds**—Dueling father-son teams lit the 10-round main event when Joe Frazier Jr., 140, of Philadelphia took on southpaw Brett Summers, 140, of Marysville, Wa. with each fighter's trainer-father working his corner. The more experienced Summers was busy early, while Joe Jr. experimented with covering up and walking in punchless. By the third round, the crab-walking Frazier was getting in with short hooks to the head and body and in the fourth round Summers hit the deck twice, once from a right to the head and once from a left. Summers came back strong early in the fifth but went to the floor twice before the bell sounded. Summers took punishment from the tight hooks of "Little Smoke" Frazier for two more rounds before he was punched into a sitting position on the bottom rope in the eighth and his father, Troy Summers, stopped the fight by climbing into the ring at 49 seconds of the round. A TKO win for Frazier Jr.

On the undercard, Guy Leva, 130, of Reno, Nev. won a technical decision when a cut resulting from a head butt stopped Arnel Arrozal, 129, of Portland, Or. at 2:28 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Walter Sims, 140, of North Hollywood, Ca. TKO'd Kerns Ibarra, 140, of Mexicali at 1:01 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Shane Schaffer, 157, of Eugene won a unanimous decision in six over Doug Holiman, 160, of Portland.

Vaugn Pierre Derry, 183, of Salem TKO'd Steve Harvey, 183, of Springfield, Or.

Judges: Jack Batchelor, Lloyd Davis, Don Johnson.
Referees: Buzz Buzalsky, Ken Larson, Phil Moyer.
Promoter: Ritch Danner.
Gate: 1,500.
(4-11-87)

▶**PORTLAND—The Starry Night Club**—Two-time U.S. Olympian Robert Shannon, 125, of Edmunds, Wa. headlined in a tough, eight-round main event with veteran Arnel Arrozal, 126, of Portland. The southpaw Shannon used several inches in height and reach against a shorter, body-punching southpaw with defensive moves even slicker than his own. The early rounds had both fighters reaching for, and missing, an elusive opponent. Arrozal's right hooks started to land in the third, but Shannon stunned and staggered the shorter man in the fourth with the jab and combo routine. Shannon was stung by a big right hand in the seventh but rallied to take the finale in a big way. A unanimous decision for Shannon, but no walkover.

A lively undercard featured a semi-main six-rounder between Donnie Parks, 148, of Portland and Leon Jones, 148, of Seattle. Enthusiastic head butts, low blows, elbows and holding from both fighters had this one out of control until ref Bill Thornberg stopped the fight, disqualifying Jones in the third round.

Rugged brawler Dale Dorsett, 141, of Kelso, Wa. won a unanimous decision in four over classicist Brian Thompson, 143, of Spokane.

Money rained into the ring following a dynamic clash between

Frank Cantu, 130, of Ontario, Or. and Abel Infante, 130, of Hillsboro, Or. that resulted in a four-round draw.

Andy Brown, 186, of Portland dished out a one-round boxing lesson to Jim Ashard, 207, of Eugene, Or. But the bigger man bullied through in the second and third rounds, putting Brown on the deck twice before the ref stopped the bout at 2:39 of the third.

Rick Jarvis, 159, of Portland KO'd Martin Bober, 148, of Vancouver, B.C. at 1:08 of the first in four.

Steve Chaney, 158, of Ashland, Or. TKO'd John Burnett, 163, of Poulsbo, Wa. at 1:44 of the third, scheduled for four.

Judges: Phil Moyer, George Robinson, Paul Weitzel.
Referees: Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.
Ringside Physician: Dr. Robert Lorey.
Promoter: Bob Jarvis.
Gate: 450.
(3-26-87)

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA—J & A Caterers**—Joe Frazier's brother Tom ran his second card at this tiny club. The hastily rearranged bouts had little in the way of "names" and drew poorly, but produced a rousing evening for the few who showed. Jimmie Sykes took a powder from the main event and his replacement, Warren Knotts, 162, Lexington, NC, wasn't strong enough to stand up to Tyrone (Mitchell) Frazier. After belaboring him in a withering first round, Frazier, 166½, Wyandanch, LI, via N. Phila., dropped a discouraged Knotts for a TKO at 1:16 of the second, scheduled eight. Ref, Rudy Battle.

In the co-feature eight, Glen Thomas, 155¼, Louisville via Wilmington, was nearly upset, but came on to stop Bill Robinson, 157, Bklyn., at 1:29 of the fifth. In the third, Robinson suddenly dropped the touted Thomas with a swiping right behind the ear. As Glen scrambled to survive and Bill gunned for a finisher, neither very skillfully, the action got out of hand. Ref "Meatball" Condon had to penalize Robinson in an attempt to restore order, giving Thomas a needed respite. Glen revived to stagger Bill with booming right uppercuts in the fourth, then a sensational right to the body and left hook to the chin felled Robinson in the fifth.

Ronnie Cooley, 122, N. Phila., scored a repeat win over game Keith Jenkins, 124, N. Phila., in a lively six. Cooley's classy boxing impressed with a unanimous verdict, and he showed none of the late-round fatigue of the earlier meeting. Ref, Battle.

Jeffrey Hill, 171, N. Phila., had his hands full with rugged John Harriston, 180, Winston-Salem, NC, but outfought him to take a unanimous verdict in a grueling six. Ref, Condon.

Luis Rodriguez, 157, Allentown, simply overwhelmed classier Jamal Abdullah, 155, United Arab Republic via Mt. Airy (Phila.), to halt him at 2:03 of the second, scheduled four. Jamal took a standing eight and was battered until ref Battle called a halt.

Promoter: Tom Frazier (Datom Promotions, Inc.).
Matchmaker: Gary Hegyi.
Attendance: 225, $3,000 (est.).
Judges: Al Morris, Lynne Carter & Carol Polis.
Timekeeper: J.P. Mina.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
(5-21-87)

▶**EASTON—State Theater**—Larry Holmes concluded his series, at least for the summer, with another fine card. The main event was an odd pairing for this area, with Donovan "Razor" Ruddock, 216¾, Toronto, halting Robbie Evans, 233, Jersey City, at 0:58 of the fifth, scheduled 10. Trailhorse Evans gave it the college try in a good match. In almost every round, Robbie managed to confuse and stun Razor by loading up, hesitating, then bombing. But Ruddock always paid him back double with an effective mix of body shots and uppercuts. By the fifth, a wilted Evans was forced to take a standing eight by ref Rudy Battle, then halted while sagging on the ropes.

In the co-feature 10, Angel Cruz, 145, Bethlehem, had little trouble burying Jose Rivera, 138½, NYC, at 2:17 of the first. Jose boxed well, but a left hook under the ribs deflated him and he was unable to beat ref Tony Wolfe's count.

Similarly, Sam David, 119¼, Phillipsburg, NJ, destroyed Jose "Cheo" Ortiz, 124, NYC, at 1:42 of the first, scheduled eight. Jose was backed into the ropes where a thunderous left hook-right cross had him cold before he hit the canvas. Ref, Battle.

A.D. Wiggins, 138, Allentown, got a tough break in losing a split, technical decision to Mike Brown, 139, N. Phila., after four of a scheduled eight. Spoiler Brown confused Wiggins early, but A.D. was coming on until halted on a bad eye cut at 1:29 of the fifth. Referee Wolfe ruled an accidental butt, so the outcome went to the scorecards. Paul Battle had 19-18 Wiggins, while Lynne Carter had 19-18 and Adalaide Tyndale 19-17, Brown, a just verdict.

Art "Breeze" Baylis, 167, Allentown, was too much for game, but overmatched Rich Holloway, 166, Troy, NY. Holloway was jolted by a left hook and had his right eye completely closed, being stopped in just 1:38 of the first of six. Ref, Battle.

Southpaw Jimmy Holmes, 154, Troy, scored a repeat win, unanimous, over Kevin Fasick, 152, Altoona via N. Phila., in a rugged six. The distance was extended from their previous four to help the local boy, but it was Fasick who wilted in the late rounds. Ref, Battle.

Conversely, Al "Bubblegum" Sheriff, 174, Reading, reversed a previous loss, blasting Chris LoPresto, 174, Tamaqua, at 2:56 of the second, scheduled four. Chris was down in the first, then out on his feet from a series of rights when referee Wolfe stopped it.

Promoter: Larry Holmes (Sports Cor, Inc.).
Matchmaker: Gary Hegyi.
Attendance: 500, $6,500 (est.).
Timekeeper: J.P. Mina.
Announcer: Joe McHugh.
(5-16-87)

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—It's as if Hughie "Buttons" Kearney leads a charmed life in this club. When free-swinging Darryl Anthony, 146, Florissant, MO, got off to a big lead, rocking Hughie with a left hook in the second and sweeping the first three rounds, it looked like a long road back for the local. Not a noted puncher, the unbeaten southpaw could scarcely afford to lose another round. He didn't. After shutting Anthony down for a couple of rounds while he sneaked back into the fight, Buttons found he couldn't miss with the left uppercut in the sixth, battering Darryl at will. Anthony faded thereafter as Kearney, 146, W. Phila., streaked to a unanimous win, 10. Lynne Carter and Carol Polis scored 48-42, while Al Morris had 48-46. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

In a furious battle of straight-ahead sluggers, Sidney Outlaw, 155, N. Phila., turned boxer (just a little) to gain a unanimous decision over Bob Nicks, 158, W. Phila., eight. Ref, Ozzie Sadler.

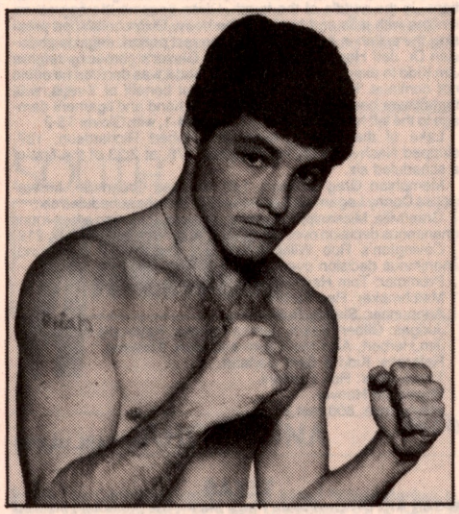
Willie "The Little Worm" Monroe, 161, Rochester/Ithaca, scored a repeat, unanimous win over stubborn Lou Owens, 161½, Wilmington, six. Owens took a fearsome shelling early, but refused to yield and had a tiring Monroe scrambling in the late rounds. Ref, Cappuccino.

Returning lefty Ali Saad Muhammad, 136, S. Phila., looked sharp as he hit too hard for game Curtis Mathis, 134, N. Phila. Curtis was pounded on the ropes, suffered a standing eight, then a TKO at 2:14 of the third, scheduled six. Ref, Sadler.

Jerry Rash, 198, Elkton, MD, via N. Phila., gained an unpopular, but just unanimous win over Harry Savage, 186, N. Phila., in a crowd-pleasing comedy four. Jerry started like a million dollars, but Harry hung around and gave him some anxious moments before tiring. Ref, Cappuccino.

Rob Jenkins, 164, N. Phila., was all over hapless Ernest Wheeler, 163¾, S. Phila., dropping him in the first and shellacking him in the second. Ernest wisely remained in his corner for the third of four. Ref, Sadler.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance: 900, $11,000 (est.).
Timekeeper: J.P. Mina.
Announcer: Hank Kropinski.
(5-5-87)



Local favorite Brian McGinley struggled to a draw with late sub Eric Holland in Philadelphia.

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Woodhaven Sports Center**—Housefighter Brian McGinley, 149½, Kensington, had to struggle with last-minute sub Eric Holland, 150½, N. Phila., and could only manage a majority draw, six. Normally a wade-in banger, McGinley found the forward-gear Holland strong enough to back him up. Brian switched tactics, backed off and countered in brisk action, and seemed sharp enough to edge out a win. But Holland pressed him all night, finished strong, and must have done a lot with short punches inside as most seemed to feel it was Eric who got robbed. Judge Paul Battle did score for Holland, 28-26, but Adalaide Tyndale had 27-27 and Joe O'Neil 28-28 to render it a draw. Ref, Tommy Reid.

In the co-feature, Ivory Teague, 160¼, Wash., DC, upset returning ticket-seller Gary Roemhild, 164¾, Phila., by unanimous decision, six. It was not an exciting fight, but interesting for the purist as the awkward Teague shut down the plodding Roemhild's attack while peppering him with tap-tap counters. Good work by the judges as it could have been "stolen" on the grounds that Roemhild was "aggressive." But it was ineffective aggression if ever there was. Ref, "Meatball" Condon.

Todd Englehart, 158½, Lebanon, was held to an upset majority draw by Bill Robinson, 155, Brooklyn, six. In a dull encounter, the sometimes lazy Robinson and the "gym fighter" Englehart, who seems to become reluctant in paid combat, both failed to take charge. Tyndale voted 28-26 Englehart, while the others both had 27-27. Ref, Reid.

Chris "The Worm" Guest, 163, Kensington, looked good in the best bout of the night, battering a willing Rich Holloway, 165½, Troy, NY, for a unanimous win, four. The tiring Holloway was dropped in the fourth. Ref, Condon.

Kevin Bernard, 175, Kensington, did everything but knock out punching bag Bob Sokol, 182, a former New Englander now out of Wilmington, with a unanimous win in a lively, but one-sided four. Sokol suffered standing eights in the first and second but

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hung in against hope. Ref, Condon.

John Fornara, 171, N.E. Phila., scored an easy KO over southpaw James Mills, 180, Wilmington, who folded without much resistance at 2:41 of the first, scheduled four.

Promoter: Vic Capcino & Frankie Wetzel (Cambria Promotions).
Matchmaker: Harold Moore.
Attendance: 1,500, $18,000 (est.).
Timekeeper: J.P. Mina.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
(5-8-87)

J.R. JOWETT

▶**MONROEVILLE—Howard Johnson's**—Toronto's Dewitt Frazier, 152, scored a three-round TKO over Parlersburg, West Virginia's Don Lee Davis, 154, in a scheduled six.

Another six had Worthington, Kentucky's Rick Souce, 142, win by decision over Toronto's Shawn Spinda, 146.

In the best fight of the night, Pittsburgh's Danny Faiello, 128, captured a six-round decision from Clairton's Billy Brock, 124½.

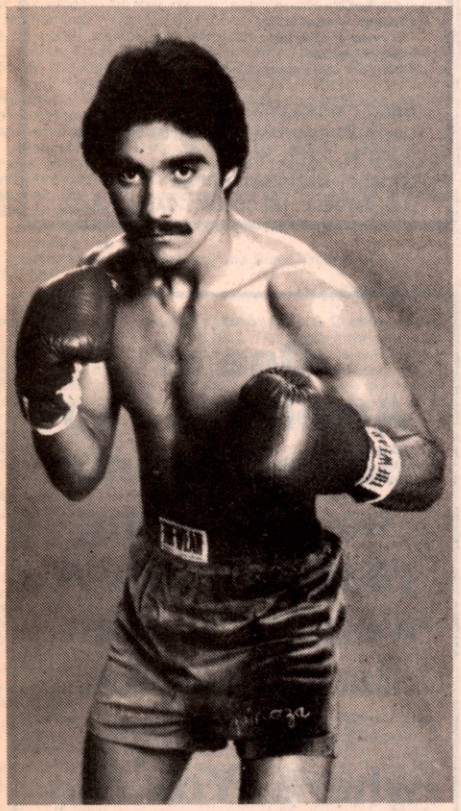
Mike McGrady, 189, of Butler, scored a four-round decision over Pittsburgh's Chris Riskus, 185.

Pittsburgh's Bob Wagner, 137½, won by decision in four over Greensburg's Robert Storkl:e, 138.

Pittsburgh's Sheldon Stoddemire, 138, won a four-round decision over Youngstown, Ohio's Fernando Ruberto, 138.

Referees: Andy DePaul & Paddy Grimes.
Commissioner: Richard Baer.
Deputy Commissioner: Gerald Parr.
Physicians: Drs. Civitarese & Ward.
Timekeeper: Jim Bruce.
Judges: Robert Baker & Herb Scott.
Announcer: Chuck Runzo.
(5-6-87)

PUERTO RICO



WBA junior featherweight champion Louie Espinoza KO'd Capri Lipkin in a non-title bout in Puerto Rico.

▶**ISLA VERDE—Hotel San Juan**—WBA junior featherweight champion Louie Espinoza scored a knockout over relatively unknown Capri Lipkin in eight rounds.

A bit on the rusty side, Espinoza nevertheless was well received by the local fans despite his so-so performance. He was not as sharp as when he scored his sensational knockout title win over Dominican Tommy Valoy January 14.

Espinoza, scoring the 17th KO in his 23-1 record, ended the fight with a short right uppercut that toppled his man for the count. Despite his inexperience, Lipkin gave a good account of himself and refused to be intimidated by his heavier hitting opponent, who scored three knockdowns prior to the eighth round.

"It was a good workout and I'm glad it went as far as it did because it will get Louie ready for his next title defense against James Pipps," said Paul Percifield, who handles Espinoza, who came in 5½ pounds over the 122-pound junior feather limit. Lipkin scaled 126. The possibility of a fight with former champion Luby Callejas, who vacated the title because of weight problems, appears far-fetched at this moment.

Julio Gervasio, ranked 10th in the junior feather class by the WBA, is gunning for a shot at Espinoza and furthered his cause with an easy, two-round KO over Rafael Forte in the semifinal 10. Forte was no match for his heavier hitting rival, who ended the fight with a solid right to the head. Gervasio is from Santo Domingo and was voted the outstanding prospect of the year by the local boxing commission after terminating last year undefeated in eight starts.

Former leading junior lightweight contender Rafael Solis has certainly skidded since suffering a knockout at the hands of Hector Camacho. In his previous start, he was KO'd by Bobby Chacon and on this occasion he suffered another KO when he was an easy, two-round victim of undefeated Texan Robert Boyd.

In other bouts, Angel Vargas scored a six-round KO over Juan Bruno at 123 pounds.

Fernando Maldonado outpointed Geraldo Rodriguez over six rounds at 135 pounds.

Edwin Diaz scored a six-round decision over Orlando Santiago at 126 pounds.

In a scheduled 10, Tomas Rodriguez KO'd Elvidio Santiago in the first at 135 pounds.

Promoter: Video Deportes.
(5-16-87)

MARIO RIVERA

TENNESSEE

▶**MEMPHIS—Omni-Daisy Theater**—Covington's Chuck Glover, 138, couldn't answer the bell for the sixth round of his scheduled 10 with Memphian Robert Dixon, 139, due to two damaged hands.

Glover staggered Dixon late in the first round and put him down in the second. But during the third round, Glover favored his right hand, relying on the left jab and throwing few combinations. In the middle of the fourth, Dixon became the aggressor, landing with jabs and hooks to the body. Dixon continued pressing the action in the fifth. During the rest period, ringside physician Dr. Jeff Hoover was called into Glover's corner by referee Jim Kidd to examine Glover's hands, and it was decided he could not continue. Hoover's opinion, without benefit of X-rays, was that Glover had a possible broken right hand and ligament damage to the left hand. The win left Dixon 8-4-1, with Glover 15-2.

Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri's Robert Richardson, 187, stopped Nashville's Darrell Peppers, 176, at 2:33 of the first of a scheduled six.

Memphian Greg Dickson, 153, stopped Greenville, Mississippi's Donny Logan, 150, at 2:45 of the fifth of a scheduled six.

Greenville, Mississippi's Herman Jackson, 215, won a four-round unanimous decision over Little Rock, Arkansas' Kim Adams, 212.

Covington's Rob Williamson, 137, captured a four-round, unanimous decision over Memphian Sammie Black, 134.

Promoter: Tom Harmon & Mid South Boxing, Inc.
Matchmaker: Red Fortner.
Announcer: Sleepy Rutherford.
Judges: Gilbert Beam, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Jim Herbert, Alex McCollum and Mark Atkinson.
Referees: Kidd & Sam Garland.
Timekeeper: Ron Cardoni.
Physician: Hoover.
Attendance: 600 (est.).
(5-5-87)

MICHAEL GLENN

TEXAS

▶**SAN ANTONIO—Fiesta Plaza Mall**—The promoters insisted a card five nights earlier had packed the house, but it was just a little more than half-full this night thanks to a series of misfortunes.

First, one of the two daily San Antonio papers didn't cover the card at all, while the other announced it for the wrong date. Even the tickets had the wrong date. Second, one half of the double bill, Carl "The Truth" Williams, dropped off the card due to problems with his New York physical. Three, two hours before fight time torrential thunderstorms drenched the area, causing flooding on some roads and scaring away the less-hardy fans.

But the rains stopped just as the prelims started and a late, but reasonably big crowd straggled indoors in time for the main event, which featured former bantamweight titleholder Gaby Canizales.

Canizales had what is described in boxing circles as "a good workout" against Julio Blanco of Miami, winning a unanimous, 10-round decision by scores of 8-2, 8-1-1 and 9-0-1.

Blanco, who weighed 121¾, fell to 19-7 with 17 KOs, while Canizales, who came in 120, raised his record to 35-3 with 28 KOs.

It was a clean fight with a lot of action, and Blanco counterpunched accurately enough to keep Canizales, from nearby Laredo, alert at all times. Canizales would take the initiative and land two or three punches, then Blanco would counter to let the champ know he was still there and very much awake. With a 3-1 ratio in his favor, Canizales had very little trouble piling up points. There were times in the sixth and eighth and particularly the 10th when Blanco went toe-to-toe with Canizales and didn't do badly. But the punches of both were fast rather than hard and nobody was in great danger of being knocked silly. Blanco's worst time came in the sixth round when Canizales caught him with a nasty right counter underneath the heart and followed with a left to the liver.

Canizales showed he can still go 10 and not get winded and that his heart is still in the boxing game.

Texas state bantamweight champ David "Choir Boy" Gauvin, 118, Houston, won an easy, six-round decision over veteran Humberto Rodriguez, 120½, Mexico, and upped his record to 15-0 with nine knockouts. Gauvin does look a little like a choir boy, but he's an aggressive puncher. Rodriguez took several lickings along the ropes and was knocked down by a double left in the last seconds.

San Antonio's Julian Flores, 122¼, and Jesse Alvear, 120¼, Texas, fought a scrappy, four-round draw. Flores won the first two rounds, Alvear the last two.

In a scheduled six, Austin's Johnny Casas, 134¼, put the hoodoo on the undefeated Ramon Sosa, 134¼, Houston, by stopping him at 2:15 of the third. Casas overpowered Sosa early and often and caught him off-balance in the third. Sosa rolled under the ropes and on to the press table, slammed his fist on the ring floor and made it back to the contest only to be subjected to more of the same one-sided stuff. It was soon halted, making Casas 4-0 as Sosa fell to 7-1.

Michael Mar, age nine, and Roy Valdez, age seven, put on a two-round, brown belt karate match during intermission. I recommend not trying to spank either.

Promoter: Alamo Attractions.
Referees: Leonard Zuniga & R. Ovalle.
Attendance: 600 (est.).
Physician: Dr. Luis Guibarda.
Timekeepers: Gavin & Felan.
Judges: Coronado & Jaramillo.
(5-5-87)

CHARLES D. BROWN

▶**SAN ANTONIO**—Mike Ayala, 124, made quick work of Raul Lopez, 125, stopping Lopez at 52 seconds of the second round of a scheduled 10.

Another scheduled 10 ended early, Sylvester Kennon, 138, stopping Guadalupe Galvan, 140, at 10 seconds of the fourth round.

Jesse Lopez, 141, scored a unanimous, 10-round decision over Filiberto Rosas, 142.

Roman Medel, 117, posted a unanimous, 10-round verdict over Richard Abila, 119.

A scheduled six ended at 1:10 of the third when Lonny Beasley, 147, knocked out Carman Garcia.

Ralph Reyes, 126, scored a TKO at 2:23 of the fourth of a scheduled six over Rigaberto Rosas, 124.

Promoter: Landers.
Gross: $12,210.
Physician: Dr. Jessie Valdez.
Referees: Ovalle & Zuniga.
Timekeepers: Gavin & Masterpool.
Judges: Jaramillo & Coronado.
(5-5-87)

▶**HOUSTON**—Texas heavyweight Michael Williams, *The Ring's* "Prospect of the Year" for 1987, stopped Oklahoman Kenneth Elliot at 1:06 of the third round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Williams weighed 220 to Elliot's 239.

Anthony Willis, 170, of Illinois ended his scheduled eight at 58 seconds into the seventh with a TKO of Texan Everett Martin, 175.

Matthew Brooks, 173, captured a split, six-round decision over Ronald Martin, 171, in a battle of Texans.

Darryl Hayes, 126½, and fellow Texan Troy Dorsey, 125¼, drew in four.

Warren Williams, 153, stopped Mike Landry, 151½, at 2:52 of the third of a scheduled four between Texans.

Another scheduled four ended early when Raymond Chavez knocked out Ray Ardoin at 53 seconds of the second. Each Texan weighed 142.

Promoter: HBA.
Gross: $8,091.50.
Physicians: Dr. S. Shapiro & Dr. Jorge Guerrero.
Referees: Mark Tessman & Robert Gonzales.
Timekeepers: Ferris & Joerns.
Judges: Ronnie Ralston, Elias Sanchez & Robert Martin.
(4-9-87)

▶**SAN ANTONIO**—Carlos Flores, 127, registered a 10-round, unanimous decision over Jeff Hanna, 124.

Martin Ortegon, 126, scored a unanimous, six-round decision over Randy Reedy, 131.

Albert Rendon, 122, And Jesse Alviar, 118, fought to a four-round draw.

Roy Lopez, 140½, scored a unanimous, four-round decision over Roland Guerrero, 145½.

Ramon Flores ended his scheduled four with Ricky Rodriguez early, scoring a knockout at 2:40 of the third. Each weighed 136.

Promoter: Ramon Promotions.
Gross: $1,560.
Physician: Olivo.
Referees: Roy Ovalle & Leonard Zuniga.
Timekeepers: Bill Gavin & J. Felan.
Judges: Enrique Coronado & Steve Jaramillo.
(4-14-87)

CANADA

▶**TORONTO—Diamond Club**—It took a six-rounder on the undercard to prevent an outrageously overpriced five-bout club card from being a complete fiasco.

Scarborough's Pat McWilliams, 137, and Sudbury's Brent Schroeder, 142, put more action into their six rounds than was found on the rest of the card. The two traded punches the entire 18 minutes, finishing with a draw that prompted the few fans on hand to applaud loudly.

Another scheduled six had Toronto's Rick Souce, 147, demolishing Buffalo's Dwayne Herrored in 41 seconds.

Taking part in his second pro bout, Pt. Colborne's Jeff Horton, 195, gave away too much weight to Toronto's Chuck Finley, 229, as Finley moved in close, landed powerful body shots and stopped Horton at 1:33 of the second.

Toronto's Angel McEwan, 165, KO'd another bus rider from Buffalo, Dave Tyson, 173, at 2:59 of the first round.

The main event turned out to be a 3D affair—dismal, degrading and disgusting—as two heavyweights ranked in Canada, Toronto's Conroy Nelson, 219, and Calgary's Barry Forbes, 233, produced a pathetic showing that deteriorated into old-fashioned vaudeville slapstick comedy by the midpoint. Over the 10 rounds, Nelson never landed one clean punch on Forbes, who was content to try his best to give impersonations of Muhammad Ali and Mike Tyson. Since Forbes, with his comedy effort, raised more laughs, the officials gave him the unanimous decision.

Promoter: Benny Di'Amico.
Referees: Bell & Chretian.
Judges: Walton, Browning & Hipilito.
Timekeepers: Shillilo & Paris.
Announcer: Males.
Physicians: Sazant & Murray.
(4-20-87)

▶**TORONTO—Royal York Hotel**—A special, three-bout card sanctioned by the Ontario Athletic Commission in a fund-raising effort by the Shaw Festival had Toronto's Robbie Smith, 159, and Brantford's Chuck Rowe, 161½, going at each other for four rounds with a close, but unanimous decision going to Smith, who scored the cleaner punches.

Over eight rounds, Toronto's Donovan Boucher, 152, had far too much going for Montreal's Jacques DeBloise, stopping him at 2:26 of the second round. DeBloise took eight counts in the first and second rounds before a hard right to the body floored him for the count.

Also over eight rounds, Toronto's Johnny Kalbhenn, 137, was far too strong and aggressive for Montreal's Leonard Pinnock, the referee wisely calling a halt to the onesided bout 20 seconds into the fourth. Dropped from a sharp right hook to the jaw in the first round, Pinnock was on the receiving end during the following rounds.

Promoter: Shaw Festival and All Canada Sports.
Referee: Harry Davis.
Judges: Cormier, Gaudet & Chretian.
Timekeepers: Shillilo & Paris.
Announcer: Bagnato.
Physicians: Murray & Hacker.
(4-22-87)

▶**MONTREAL—Paul Suave Arena**—A transit strike and inclement weather curtailed the attendance for a fine, six-bout, all-Canadian card which included a Canadian featherweight title bout and the return of Matthew Hilton to Montreal.

Vancouver's Tony Pep, 125½, was fully extended in his title defense against Montreal's Serge Cusson, 125¼, Pep retaining his crown with a split decision, the scores reading 117-114 and 118-111 for Pep, 116-114 for Cusson.

The very aggressive, fast-handed Cusson kept Pep in reverse during the first eight rounds. Cusson was also able to get inside the long reach of the champion to score well with combinations to the head and body. With the fight close at the start of the ninth, Pep began to take the action to Cusson, scoring with fine left-hand leads and combinations. Cusson, in his first 12-round bout, was not as aggressive in the 10th, but still fought toe-to-toe with the champion.

In Round 11, a solid punch to the body hurt Cusson who, showing the poise of a more experienced fighter, dropped to one knee and took an eight-count. On resumption, he was able to hold his own for the remainder of the round and the two finished with a solid three minutes which had the fans standing and applauding.

Montreal's Hilton, 162, ran his record to 26-0 by stopping Winnipeg's Muhamed Eltassi, 161¼, in the second of a scheduled 10.

Eltassi, who came in 10-0, had little chance of surviving against the powerful punching of Hilton and retreated from the opening bell. Landing heavy blows in Round Two, Hilton opened a deep cut over the eye of Eltassi, causing the referee to halt action for an inspection by the ringside physician, who called matters at 2:09.

In a featherweight 10, Montreal's Barrington Francis, 126½, showed fine form in scoring a two-round TKO over Canada's No. 1 contender, Toronto's Nedrae Simmons, 128. Taking part in his seventh pro bout, Francis sized up his much taller opponent in the opening round, forced the action and scored with well-timed punches. Simmons went through the motions in a nonchalant manner, putting in little effort. From the start of the second round, Francis was in complete control. Simmons, on the receiving end of sharp punching, was in retreat. Backing into a corner, Simmons was nailed by a left hook to the body followed by a perfect right to the chin which dropped him in his tracks to be counted out at 2:09. It was a fine performance by Francis, who will be looking for a title bout before too long. Simmons paid dearly for his lackluster effort.

Returning to action, Montreal's Mario Cusson, 142½, gave the fans a real boxing treat in dominating Montreal's Pietro Napolitano, 147. Showing no signs of rust after a two-year layoff, Cusson's footwork and pinpoint precision punching were impeccable. Napolitano, with an 8-2 record, was unable to cope with Cusson's dazzling movement and was on the receiving end of a boxing lesson. The scores: 100-91 (twice) and 100-93. Off his performance, Cusson will be a strong contender to regain the Canadian welterweight title.

Over six rounds, a rather dull bout saw Toronto's Dewith Frazer, 147, win a unanimous decision over Surrey, B.C.'s Al Harper, 148. Harper was the aggressor but was continually tied up by Frazer, who was content to back off and score with left-hand leads. Few, if any, clean, solid blows were thrown by either fighter. Scores: 60-55 (twice) and 60-54.

Making his pro debut in a four-rounder, Montreal's Joe Gatti, 146, outclassed and outpunched Toronto's James McNee, 146, until a combination dropped McNee at 1:58 of the second.

Promoter: Herri Spitzer.
Judges: Mailhot, Miron & Nadeau.
Timekeepers: Marchessault & Nichilo.
Physicians: Meunier & Leclerc.
Attendance: 3,600.
(4-29-87)

FRANK ALLNUT

CENTRAL AMERICA

JAMAICA

▶**KINGSTON—National Arena**—The Jamaican boxing revival continued, featuring WBA junior middleweight champion Mike McCallum in a 10-round, non-title bout with American Leroy Hester.

Billed as "A Dragon Salute to Mike McCallum," in recognition of the Dragon Gymnasium, which produced McCallum, Jamaica's first world champion, and sponsored mainly by Desnoes and Geddes Brewers and the owners of the gym, the show was intended to let the people see their countryman in the flesh.

Unfortunately, this was not achieved as Hester proved most unworthy, being counted out in just 1:30. After avoiding a few wild swings, McCallum ended the fight with his first attack, a flurry that culminated with a left hook flush on the jaw. Hester sat out the count, holding the ropes.

The semifinal, also scheduled for 10, ended even faster as Michael Dewar stopped Chris Wells in just 1:25 of a light heavyweight contest. The pattern was similar to the main event as Dewar's first attack of two lefts and two rights to the jaw flattened Wells, who rose at nine but was ruled unfit to continue.

Dewar, who went 10 rounds with James "Hard Rock" Green, is fighting as a light heavy after a two-year layoff.

Promoter: Lucien Chen.
(3-21-87)

GILLIE CAMPBELL

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▶**SALTA**—Carlos del Valle Herrera halted Wilfred Benitez in seven, junior middleweights. It was an excellent job by Herrera. On the other hand, Wilfred showed to be at the end of his way.
(11-28-86)

▶**VIEDMA**—Junior middleweight Ramón Abeldaño outpointed Mario Matthysse in 10.
(12-5-86)

▶**DEL VISO**—Miguel Mosna stopped Anibal Pérez in seven, light heavyweights.
(12-5-86)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Former world champion Gustavo (Mandrake) Ballas outpointed Rubén Condori in 12 rounds on the way to retaining his South American junior bantamweight crown.
(12-6-86)

▶**TUCUMAN**—Daniel Neto retained his Argentine cruiserweight title by outclassing José Helguera in 12.
(12-11-86)

▶**RAFAELA**—Jorge (Violin) Salgado retained his South American light heavyweight title through a draw with Argentine champion Nestor Giovannini in 12.
(12-12-86)

▶**CORRIENTES**—Lucio (Metralleta) López retained his Argentine bantamweight title by halting experienced Juan Carlos Cortés in seven.
(12-12-86)

▶**RIO CUARTO**—Raúl Roque Bianco outpointed Argentine junior lightweight champion Faustino Barrios in 10.
(12-12-86)

▶**SAN MARTIN**—José Mario López outpointed Antonio Ibañez in 10.
(12-12-86)

▶**TANDIL**—Miguel Maldonado outpointed Brazilian Clarismundo Silva in 10, light heavyweights.

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Middleweight Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldán knocked junior middleweight Carlos del Valle Herrera out in the second. (12-13-86)

▶**LINCOLN**—Eduardo Benevent outpointed José Magariño in 10, junior welters.
(12-13-86)

▶**VILLA MERCEDES**—Welterweight Simón Escobar and junior middleweight Ramón Abeldoño drew in 10.

▶**SANTA ROSA**—Ramón (Potro) Ramos retained his South American junior middleweight title by a draw with Argentine champion Hugo Marinangeli in 12 rounds.
(12-19-86)

▶**CATAMARCA**—Jesús Romero retained his South American lightweight title by halting Paraguayan Domingo Guzmán in eight. On the undercard, Argentine lightweight challenger Luis Soto outpointed Daniel Murua in 10.

▶**SALTA**—Rising welterweight Héctor Vilte knocked Jorge Pérez out in the second.
(12-19-86)

▶**BARILOCHE**—José Ramón Soria outclassed Chilean Jaime Sánchez in 10, junior welterweights.
(12-19-86)

▶**CORDOBA**—Sergio Merani won the vacant Córdoba state light heavyweight title by outpointing Victor Robledo in 12 rounds.
(12-23-86)

▶**LA RIOJA**—Unbeaten Alberto Mercedes Cortes outpointed Jorge González in 10, junior welterweights.
(12-23-86)

▶**SALTA**—Gustavo Lugo drew with Perruvian Nelson Urlich in 10, bantamweights.
(12-30-86)

▶**MAR DE AJO**—Mario Melo halted Uruguayan Daniel González in two, light heavyweights.
(1-7-87)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Raúl Roque Bianco stopped Argentine junior lightweight champion Faustino Barrios in nine.
(1-9-87)

▶**MAR DE AJO**—Osmar Avila outpointed Miguel Canedo in 10, featherweights.
(1-14-86)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Pedro Décima knocked Ramón (Moncho) Dominguez out in the third and won the Argentine junior featherweight title.
(1-16-86)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Carlos Victor Velázquez outpointed Jorge Pino in 10, junior middleweights.
(1-23-86)

▶**SALTA**—Héctor Vilte outpointed Hugu Luero in 10, welterweights.
(1-23-87)

▶**MAR DE AJO**—Junior middleweight Enrique Areco outpointed welterweight Ramóm Jara in 10.
(1-28-87)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Héctor Patri was appointed as the new Argentine junior flyweight champion by the Argentine Boxing Federation. The title was vacated because previous champion Mario Demarco is looking for world chances and cannot pay attention to local commitments.
(1-29-87)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Former world champion Santos (Falucho) Laciar outpointed new Argentine junior flyweight titleholder Héc-

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LATIN AMERICAN RATINGS

(As of April 30th, 1987)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. José Ribalta, Cuba
2. José Adilson Rodrigues, Brazil
3. Bernardo Mercado, Colombia
4. Jorge Dáscola, Argentina
5. Rafael Guerrero, Dominican Republic
6. Narciso Maldonado, Puerto Rico
7. Rocky Valero, Mexico
8. Luis Lozano, Panama
9. Jesús Rosario, Dominican Republic
10. Ladislao Mijangos, Mexico
11. Luis González, Colombia
12. Mauricio Villegas, Mexico
13. Pedro Montero, Dominican Republic
14. Arturo Díaz, Mexico
15. Adolfo Morell, Panama

CRUISERWEIGHTS
1. Carlos De León, Puerto Rico (the so-called)
2. Osvaldo Ocasio, Puerto Rico
3. José María Flores Burlón, Uruguay
4. Daniel Neto, Argentina
5. Carlos Hernández, Cuba
6. Dennis Jackson, Puerto Rico
7. Juan Carlos Fernández, Argentina
8. José Helguera, Argentina
9. Juan Barrero, Uruguay
10. Jorge Cambiasso, Argentina
11. Ramón Ronquillo, Mexico
12. Omar Pérez, Nicaragua
13. Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Argentina
14. Raúl Venturelli, Argentina
15. Walter Masseroni, Argentina

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Nestor Giovannini, Argentina
2. Jorge Salgado, Argentina
3. Sergio Merani, Argentina
4. Angel Caro, Argentina
5. Rui Barbosa Bonfim, Brazil
6. Miguel Mosna, Argentina
7. Eduardo Contreras, Argentina
8. Mario Melo, Argentina
9. Gilberto Colón, Puerto Rico
10. Víctor Robledo, Argentina
11. Ramón Motamba, Colombia
12. Jairo Tovar, Colombia
13. Marcos Geraldo, Mexico
14. Leo Rodgers, Dominican Republic
15. Roberto Villalba, Argentina

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Juan Domingo Roldán, Argentina
2. Jorge Amparo, Dominican Republic
3. Juan Carlos Gimenez, Paraguay
4. Roberto Durán, Panama
5. Darío Mattioni, Argentina
6. Esteban Pizarro, Puerto Rico
7. Pompy Salgado, Colombia
8. Víctor Córdoba, Panama
9. Ramón Pérez, Dominican Republic
10. José Quiñones, Puerto Rico
11. Hugo Corti, Argentina
12. Carlos Betancourt, Puerto Rico
13. Roberto Ruiz, Argentina
14. Rafale Agüero, Dominican Republic
15. Sergio Ronconi, Argentina

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Carlos Santos, Puerto Rico
2. Ramón Abeldaño, Argentina
3. Hugo Marinangeli, Argentina
4. Ramón Ramos, Argentina
5. Lupe Aquino, Mexico
6. Carlos del Valle Herrera, Argentina
7. Elio Omar Díaz, Venezuela
8. Mauricio Rodriguez, Cuba
9. Carlos Víctor Velázquez, Argentina
10. Francisco de Jesús, Brazil
11. Enrique Areco, Argentina
12. Luis Alvarado, Puerto Rico
13. José Vallejo, Dominican Republic
14. Ricardo Nuñez, Argentina
15. Jorge Pino, Argentina

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Luis Santana, Dominican Republic
2. Lorenzo García, Argentina
3. Tomás Molinares, Colombia
4. Jorge Vaca, Mexico
5. Simón Escobar, Argentina
6. Miguel Angel Arroyo, Argentina
7. Eduardo Rodriguez, Panama
8. Genaro León, Mexico
9. Marcelo Di Crocce, Argentina
10. Héctor Vilte, Argentina
11. Eduardo Batista, Dominican Republic
12. Miguel Angel Dominguez, Mexico
13. Daniel García, Puerto Rico
14. Diomedes Colomé, Dominican Republic
15. Helio Santana, Brazil

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Rene Arredondo, Mexico
2. Juan Martín Coggi, Argentina
3. Rodolfo González, Mexico
4. Hugo Hernández, Argentina
5. Reyes Antonio Cruz, Dominican Republic
6. Aquilino Asprilla, Panama
7. Ildemar Paisán, Venezuela
8. Eduardo Benevent, Argentina
9. Antonio Fernando Da Costa, Argentina
10. José Batista, Dominican Republic
11. Ramón Collado, Argentina
12. Jorge Tejada, Argentina
13. Alfredo Rojas, Venezuela
14. Agustín Caballero, Panama
15. José Saldivia, Argentina

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Edwin Rosario, Puerto Rico
2. Héctor Camacho, Puerto Rico
3. José Luis Ramirez, Mexico
4. Juan Nazario, Puerto Rico
5. Irleis Pérez, Cuba
6. Miguel Santana, Puerto Rico
7. Rodolfo Aguilar, Panama
8. Angel Hernández, Puerto Rico
9. Luis Soto, Argentina
10. Alberto Mercedes Cortes, Argentina
11. Julio Ruiz, Panama
12. Nelson Bolaños, Ecuador
13. Jesús Romero, Argentina
14. Sergio Zambrano, Mexico
15. Primo Ramos, Mexico

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Julio César Chávez, Mexico
2. José Rivera, Puerto Rico
3. Mario Martinez, Mexico
4. Juan La Porte, Puerto Rico
5. Mario Miranda, Colombia
6. Francisco Tomás da Cruz, Brazil
7. Johnny De la Rosa, Dominican Republic
8. Daniel Londas, Martinique
9. Francisco Fernández, Panama
10. Raúl Bianco, Argentina
11. Danilo Cabrera, Dominican Republic
12. Edgar Castro, Venezuela
13. Refugio Rojas, Mexico
14. Julio Miranda, Argentina
15. Leonardo Valdez, Mexico

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Antonio Esparragoza, Venezuela
2. Antonio Rivera, Puerto Rico
3. Marcos Villasana, Mexico
4. José Marmolejo, Panama
5. José Mario López, Argentina
6. Robert Rivera, Puerto Rico
7. Mauro Gutiérrez, Mexico
8. Javier Marquez, Mexico
9. Carlos Zárate, Mexico
10. Nelson Rodriguez Ortiz, Puerto Rico
11. Osmar Avila, Argentina
12. John John Molina, Puerto Rico
13. Juvenal Lorca Ordenes, Chile
14. Roger Arévalo, Mexico
15. Héctor López, Mexico

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Bernardo Piñango, Venezuela
2. Víctor Callejas, Puerto Rico
3. Daniel Zaragoza, Mexico
4. Pedro Décima, Argentina
5. José Sanabria, Venezuela
6. Daniel Blanco, Colombia
7. Tommy Valoy, Dominican Republic
8. Julián Solís, Puerto Rico
9. Juan Meza, Mexico
10. Manuel Vilchez, Venezuela
11. Alberto Mercado, Puerto Rico
12. Eusebio Espinal, Dominican Republic
13. Carlos Laciar, Argentina
14. Rubén Darío Palacio, Colombia
15. Patricio Gil, Argentina

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Miguel Lora, Colombia
2. Lucio López, Argentina
3. Antonio Avelar, Mexico
4. Azael Morán, Panama
5. Cardenio Ulloa, Chile
6. Jorge Ramirez, Mexico
7. Wilfredo Vázquez, Puerto Rico
8. Enrique Sánchez, Dominican Republic
9. Miguel Maturana, Colombia
10. Raúl Valdez, Mexico
11. Candelario Carmona, Mexico
12. Alí Camacho, Venezuela
13. Raúl Pérez, Mexico
14. Francisco Alvarez, Colombia
15. Juan Carlos Cortés, Argentina

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Gilberto Ramón, Mexico
2. Santos Laciar, Argentina
3. Alberto Castro, Colombia
4. Sugar Baby Rojas, Colombia
5. Gustavo Ballas, Argentina
6. Raúl Díaz , Colombia
7. César Polanco, Dominican Republic
8. Rubén Condori, Argentina
9. Israel Contreras, Venezuela
10. Juan Carazo, Puerto Rico
11. Elvis Alvarez, Colombia
12. Juan Polo Pérez, Colombia
13. William Ramos, Puerto Rico
14. Edgar Monserrat, Panama
15. Eudo Bermudez, Colombia

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Fidel Bassa, Colombia
2. Hilario Zapata, Panama
3. Adrián Román, Argentina
4. Miguel Mercedes, Dominican Republic
5. Gabriel Bernal, Mexico
6. Rafael Cabán, Puerto Rico
7. Rafael Cabrera, Dominican Republic
8. Javier Lucas, Mexico
9. Juan Herrera, Mexico
10. Elid Fernández, Mexico
11. Freddie Castillo, Mexico
12. Claudemir Carvalho Dias, Brazil
13. Julio Gudiño, Panama
14. Daniel Lagos, Argentina
15. Arturo Mujica, Mexico

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
1. Mario Demarco, Argentina
2. Rodolfo Blanco, Colombia
3. Jorge Cano, Mexico
4. Isidro Pérez, Mexico
5. Ray Thompson, Panama
6. Benedicto Murillo, Panama
7. Agustín García, Colombia
8. Héctor Patri, Argentina
9. Willy Salazar, Mexico
10. José de Jesús, Puerto Rico
11. Rodolfo Alvarado, Mexico
12. Efrén Pinto, Mexico
13. Francisco Montiel, Mexico
14. Santiago Mendez, Mexico
15. Eduardo Tuñon, Panama

tor Patri in 10. It was a disputed, excellent bout.
(1-30-87)

▶**LA GRUTA**—Marcelo Di Crocce halted Luciano Ploner in five, welterweights.
(2-2-87)

▶**MAR DE AJO**—South American light heavyweight champion Jorge (Violin) Salgado and Miguel Steinbach drew in 10.
(2-4-87)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—South American junior bantamweight champion Gustavo (Mandrake) Ballas stopped Chilean Jaime Miranda in five.
(2-6-87)

▶**ROSARIO**—Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldán halted Colombian Tomás Polo in four in a light heavyweight bout.
(2-6-87)

▶**PARANA**—South American cruiserweight champion José María Flores Burlón, from Uruguay, drew with Juan Carlos Fernández in 10.
(2-6-87)

▶**OBERA**—Angel Caro outpointed Enrique Coronel in 10, light heavyweights.
(2-6-87)

▶**RAFAELA**—Argentine light heavyweight champion Néstor Giovannini outclassed Brazilian Clarismundo Silva in 10.
(2-6-87)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Mario Demarco retained his South American junior flyweight title by outpointing Chilean José Badilla in 12 rounds.
(2-13-87)

▶**SALTA**—Héctor Vilte continued his winning series by outpointing Eduardo Benevent in 10, welters.
(2-13-87)

▶**LA RIOJA**—Alberto Mercedes Cortés outpointed Mario Ayala in 10, junior welterweights.
(2-13-87)

▶**POSADAS**—Rubén Condori retained his Argentine junior bantamweight title by halting Luis Ocampo in 11.
(2-14-87)

▶**SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY**—Julio Miranda outpointed Rubén Astorga in 10 in a junior lightweight bout.
(2-14-87)

▶**MENDOZA**—José Mario López outpointed Osmar Avila in 12 on the way to winning the vacant Argentine featherweight title. Previous champion Fernando Sosa had retired in June 1986 due to an eye injury.
(2-19-87)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Marcelo Di Crocce outpointed Ramón Collado in 10, welters.
(2-20-87)

▶**MAR DE AJO**—Mario Melo stopped Brazilian Joao Tavares in two, light heavyweights.
(2-20-87)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—In a big upset, Luis Armando Soto won the Argentine lightweight crown via a technical decision in the 11th over champion Jesús Romero. In a short time, a new match will meet both men for Romero's South American title.
(2-27-87)

▶**LA RIOJA**—Santos (Falucho) Laciar outpointed José Rufino Narváez in 10, bantamweights.
(3-5-87)

▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Veteran junior middleweight Ramón Abeldaño outpointed rising middleweight Sergio Ronconi.
(3-13-87)

▶**TUCUMAN**—Argentine junior flyweight champion Héctor Patri halted Antonio Andrade in the ninth.
(3-13-87)

▶**RAFAELA**—Local credit Héctor Giovannini retained his Argentine light heavyweight title by outpointing veteran Eduardo Contreras in 12.
(3-13-87)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—In a poor bout, Dario Mattioni retained his Argentine middleweight title by outpointing previously unbeaten challenger Hugo Corti in 12.

On the undercard, Daniel Ochoa and Héctor Lescano drew in eight, junior middleweights.
(3-14-87)

▶**CALETA OLIVIA**—Jorge (Violin) Salgado retained his South American light heavyweight title by halting Chilean champion Miguel (Foreman) Cea in five.
(3-14-87)

▶**VILLA MERCEDES**—It was a great upset when veteran Simón Escobar halted Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo in four on the way to recapturing the Argentine welterweight title he previously held for a few days early in 1979.
(3-14-87)

▶**SALTA**—Local prospect, rising welterweight Héctor Vilte outpointed veteran Ramón Collado in 10.
(3-14-87)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—South American junior bantamweight champion Gustavo (Mandrake) Ballas continued his return by outclassing Chilean José Badilla in 10.

On the undercard, welterweight Raúl Suárez stopped Miguel Ledesma in the first.

Uruguayan light heavyweight Rodrigo Benech knocked out Miguel Robledo, also in the first.
(3-21-87)

▶**ESQUEL**—Santos (Falucho) Laciar halted Chilean Isaias Carvacho in four. It was an excellent performance by Falucho.
(3-21-87)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Marcelo Di Crocce outpointed Ramón Jara in 10, welterweights.

On the undercard, Gustavo Ollo outpointed Héctor Vera in a middleweight march.
(3-28-87)

▶**SALTA**—Argentine junior bantamweight champion Rubén Condori stopped Chilean Guillermo Manrquez in six.
(4-3-87)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Hugo (Pajarito) Hernández returned to action after losing his Argentine junior middleweight title to Juan Martin (Látigo) Coggi. Pajarito won in 10 rounds, via a close decision, over prospect Eduardo Benevent.
(4-4-87)

▶**RESISTENCIA**—South American lightweight champion Jesús Romero halted Horacio Gamarra in five.
(4-10-87)

▶**TRELEW**—Miguel Mosna outclassed Miguel Steinbach in 10, light heavyweights.
(4-10-87)

▶**CATAMARCA**—Argentine lightweight champion Luis Armando Soto outpointed Rubén Stamulis in 10.
(4-10-87)

▶**LA RIOJA**—South American junior bantamweight titleholder Gustavo (Mandrake) Ballas outpointed Chilean José Badilla in 10.
(4-10-87)

▶**CALETA OLIVIA**—South American junior featherweight champion Ramón Dominguez showed he is close to the end of his career when he was halted by Carlos Antonio (Tano) Velázquez in five. Both fought within the limits of the featherweights.
(4-11-87)

▶**ROJAS**—Pedro Armando Gutiérrez outpointed Jorge Pompé in 10, junior lightweights.
(4-11-87)

▶**SAN RAFAEL**—In an upset, veteran Ramón Balbino Soria was halted by Francisco Quiroga in the second, featherweights.
(4-16-87)

▶**SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY**—Julio Miranda outpointed Faustino Barrios in 12 rounds on the way to winning the Argentine junior lightweight title.
(4-30-87)

BRAZIL

▶**SALVADOR**—Hilario Zapata retained his WBA world flyweight title by outpointing Brazilian champion Claudemir Carvalho Dias in 15. On the undercard, Brazilian light heavyweight champion Rui Barbosa Bonfim outpointed Argentine Eduardo Contreras in 10.
(12-7-86)

▶**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian and South American heavyweight champion José Adilson (Maguila) Rodrigues outpointed American Richard (Rocky) Sekorski on the way to winning the so-called Continental American title.
(12-20-86)

▶**SALVADOR**—Danilo Batista won the Brazilian junior featherweight title by knocking Valdevino Monteiro out in the seventh.
(2-7-87)

▶**SAO PAULO**—Argentine Angel Caro outpointed Brazilian light heavyweight champion Rui Barbosa Bonfim in 10.
(2-22-87)

▶**SAO PAULO**—José Adilson (Maguila) Rodrigues halted Spanish Felipe (Pantera) Rodriguez in seven, heavyweights.
(3-15-87)

CHILE

▶**SANTIAGO**—Latin American bantamweight champion Cardenio Ulloa stopped Argentine Ramón Rodriguez in two.
(11-28-86)

▶**SANTIAGO**—Cardenio Ulloa halted Argentine Roberto Haidar in three, bantamweights.
(12-19-87)

▶**SANTIAGO**—Active Cardenio Ulloa retained his Latin American bantamweight title by halting Ecuadorian José Monar in four.
(1-16-87)

▶**SANTIAGO**—Benito Badilla halted Argentine Miguel Angel Diaz in two, bantamweights.

Juvenal Lorca Ordenes returned to action to knock Argentine José Luis Fernández out in seven, featherweights.
(3-13-87)

▶**SANTIAGO**—Cardenio Ulloa outpointed Argentine Raúl Ojeda in 10, bantamweights.
(3-27-87)

COLOMBIA

▶**BARRANQUILLA**—South American middleweight champion Paraguayan Juan Carlos Gimenez and Colombian Pompy Salgado drew in 10.

PARAGUAY

▶**ASUNCION**—South American middleweight champion Juan Carlos Gimenez stopped Brazilian Mauro Cruz in eight.
(2-20-87)

▶**ASUNCION**—Juan Carlos Gimenez outpointed Argentine Julio Abel González in 10, middleweights.
(3-20-87)

PERU

▶**TRUJILLO**—Ernesto Quintana outpointed Luis Loayza in 10 on the way to retaining the Continental American featherweight title.
(3-6-87)

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EUROPE

FRANCE

▶**CANNES**—In danger of losing his IBF junior middleweight championship, Philadelphia's Buster Drayton unleashed a left hook followed by a solid right that ended his fight with France's Said Skouma in the 10th round.

After a shaky start, Skouma had taken control, wobbling the champion in the fourth round and boxing well until the finish. But the always-dangerous Drayton found the range in the 10th, sending the challenger to the canvas.

Skouma rose at the count of four, then held the top rope as American referee Joe O'Neil completed the mandatory eight. When O'Neil reached eight, Skouma sagged forward with his head down and his corner tossed in the towel. Confusion reigned as the two resumed fighting while the ring was invaded by cornermen and spectators.

O'Neil threw his arm around Skouma, calling the fight while he ordered the ring cleared.
(3-27-87)

▶**CHATEAUROUX**—Light heavyweight Lumbala Tschibamba stopped Abdel Bihi in the first round when Bihi's corner tossed in the towel.
(3-20-87)

▶**MARIGNANE**—Hassen Medbhi scored a six-round decision over Yvon Tatula in a lightweight scrap.
(3-20-87)

▶**EPERNAY**—Junior middleweight Gilbert Dele won a six-round decision over Antonio Alcantara.

▶**MONTARGIS**—Middleweight Philippe Champion knocked out Alain Pezard in four.
(3-21-87)

▶**GLEN**—A six-round middleweight bout saw Claude Places score a decision over Jean Michel Loir.
(3-28-87)

▶**ANICHE**—Roland LeClercq scored a three-round TKO over Mohamed Ounes in a junior welterweight bout when Ounes was cut.

Junior welter Nordine Dahmani scored a four-round KO over Bruno Pate.
(3-28-87)

▶**RONCHIN**—Yvon Tatula posted a six-round decision over Norbert Alcade in a lightweight bout.
(3-28-87)

▶**HIERES**—An eight-round welterweight match had Brahim Messaoudi decision Aberrahim Souhihi.

Jean Pierre Mariani and Victor Ansoula fought a six-round middleweight draw.
(4-3-87)

▶**NOGENT LE PHAYE**—Mohamed Ohumad won an eight-round decision over Philippe Arrendel in a junior welter bout.
(4-3-87)

▶**METZ-GRIGNY**—Lexter Boucaus and Raphael Paoletti battled to an eight-round, junior welterweight draw.

Welterweight Carmelo Nato scored a six-round decision over Bruno Missa.
(4-4-87)

▶**TZERGNIER**—A welterweight scrap ended in the third round, Rene Pate winning on a foul over Ambroise Mendy.

Gilles Lefevre and Abdrrahim Laachira fought to a six-round, junior middleweight draw.
(4-4-87)

▶**CHANTILLY**—Junior welterweight Xavier Delafontaine stopped Michel Vivier in the fifth.
(4-4-87)

▶**ECHIROLLES**—A battle for the junior middleweight championship of France ended in the seventh with Rene Jacquot, 153¾, the winner by TKO over Yvon Segor, 153½, who was unable to continue due to a cut.

An eight-round middleweight match had Paul Tchoue win by decision over Alphonse Mathoubela.

A junior middleweight scrap ended in the fifth when the corner of Yannick Blandin threw in the towel, conceding victory to Alain Cuvillier.
(4-10-87)

▶**EVREUX**—Camel Touati won an eight-round nod over Jean Claude Pilon in a lightweight battle.
(4-10-87)

▶**SALON EN PROVENCE**—Welterweight Boubekeur Cherif scored a fifth-round TKO over Franco Martucci when Martucci's corner tossed in the towel.
(4-10-87)

▶**CHINON**—A junior middleweight match had Gilbert Dele win a six-round decision from Jean Marie Mauny.
(4-11-87)

▶**AJACCIO**—Lightweight Jose Mailoot stopped Bruno Demontis on cuts in the sixth.
(4-11-87)

▶**EVREUX**—Bantamweight Lionel Jean scored a six-round decision over Dominique Loiseau.
(4-11-87)

▶**ST. DENISADE LA REUNION**—Featherweight Raymond Gevia won by decision in six over Lakdar Machmache.

▶**VILLEURBANNE**—A middleweight battle ended in the sixth round, Andre Mongelema winning over John Van Elteren when Elteren was cut.

Madja Madjoub scored a three-round KO over Philippe Arrendel in a junior welter matchup.
(4-13-87)

▶**MARSEILLE**—A battle for the French light heavyweight championship ended early when Rufino Angulo knocked out Richard Caramanolis in the second.

Welterweight Antoine Fernandez knocked out Mike English in two.

Marc Ruocco won by TKO in the fifth when Hardy Jones was cut and unable to continue the junior middleweight contest.

Lightweight Jose Luis Ramirez scored a 10-round decision over David Taylor.
(4-16-87)

▶**BERGERAC**—Welterweight Thierry Warda scored a six-round decision over Daniel Yameogo.
(4-17-87)

▶**NIMES**—Thierry Jacob won a 10-round, featherweight decision from Ezequiel Hernandez.

Featherweight Sydney Del Rovere knocked out Bruno Jacob in the sixth.
(4-18-87)

▶**BEAUSOLEIL**—Junior middleweight Francesco Dell'Aquila won a six-round decision over Hassan Jaini.
(4-19-87)

▶**FREJUS**—Welterweight Jean Michel Forestier won by decision in six over Youbi.
(4-19-87)

▶**VILLEURBANNE**—Middleweight Alphonse Zohi stopped Gilles Levebvre in one.

David Thio, a light heavyweight, won in the second when the corner of Traiffa threw in the towel.
(4-24-87)

▶**SAINT MAUR**—Jean Claude Dele stopped Franco Martucci in the third round of a welterweight matchup.

Gilles Coisne and Antonio Secci fought to a six-round, junior welterweight draw.
(4-25-87)

▶**NOEUX LES MINES**—Lightweight Camel Touati won an eight-round decision over Tatula.

Featherweight Lionel Jean scored a six-round nod over Cecilio Ramirez.
(4-25-87)

▶**COURRIERES**—Featherweight Herve Jacob knocked out Kiroffo in the fourth.
(4-25-87)

▶**MELUN**—Christian Merie stopped Bruno Sautereau in the third of a lightweight match.
(4-25-87)

▶**MASQUEHAL**—Didier Macrez scored a six-round, light heavyweight decision over Eric Nicoletta.
(4-25-87)

▶**NOISY LE GRAND**—Amar Dahmoun scored a five-round TKO over Jean Marc Martinez.
(4-25-87)

▶**PARIS**—Bantamweight Fabrice Benichou knocked out James Tolliver in the first round.

Middleweight Christophe Tiozzo knocked out Derrick Drane in the fourth.

A 10-round middleweight contest saw Dario Walter Matteoni win by decision over Ralph Smiley.

Welterweight Aaron Davis scored an eight-round verdict over Joel Brival.
(4-27-87)

▶**TARBES**—Middleweight Akim Zeroual knocked out Jesus Castillo Bello in six.
(4-28-87)

▶**NICE**—It took just one round for welterweight Antonione Fernandez to stop Guillermo Rojas.

Alain Limarola won a four-round TKO when Abdel Dyane retired in their bantamweight match.

Junior middleweight Dially Rahou scored a six-round decision over Daniel Prunier-Flot.

Lightweight Ben Sayel knocked out Bruno Dario in one.
(4-30-87)

GERMANY

▶**HAMBURG**—Two German domestic champions, Erwin Heiber and Rene Weller, defended successfully.

Heiber, the German middleweight champion, beat Jurgen Broszeit, with German referee Sigi Hahn calling a halt in Round Two after the challenger had taken a couple of counts.

Lightweight champion Weller KO'd his challenger, Konny Mit-

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termeier, in Round Nine after Mittermeier gave a good account of himself in the first half, cutting the champion's face and scoring with his left jab before he ran out of steam.

In a German southpaw duel, heavyweight Robert Mayer, making his pro debut, beat Siegfried Kohler, Hahn calling a halt after Kohler had taken a couple of counts in Round One.

Another heavyweight matchup saw 19-year-old Knut Blin, making his pro debut, halt Yugoslavian southpaw veteran Mladen Grubesitz, who was cut under the right eye. Hahn called the ringside doctor to inspect the cut in Round Four, and action was halted. Blin, ahead on points at the time of the stoppage, is the son of ex-European heavyweight champion Jurgen Blin, who was KO'd in seven in a non-title bout with Muhammad Ali in Switzerland in 1971.

Light middleweight Salvadore Yanez narrowly outscored Yugoslav Sinisi Popvich over six rounds. Yanez, a Chilean based locally, was restricted by an injured hand in training, but remained undefeated in six bouts.

Local-based Turk, Nyasi Aytekin, beat Austrian Franz Hohl, who was counted out by referee Werner Mundt in Round Four after being decked by a left hook to the body.

Promoter: H.J. Pederson.
Physician: Schmidt.
Attendance: 2,600.
(5-2-87)

▶**DUSSELDORF**—Michael Simuwelu, the 24-year-old heavyweight champion of Zambia, was held to a draw over eight rounds by 36-year-old veteran southpaw Louis Pergaud N'gatchou of Cameroon.

N'gatchou will be remembered for his 1980 bout with Matthew Saad Muhammad for the WBC light heavyweight title at Halifax, a match won by Saad in the fifth round.

Simuwelu, undefeated in 14 bouts with 13 KOs going in, said he has always been troubled by southpaw opponents, but up to now had beaten them.

Another heavyweight scrap saw southpaw Ramon Voorn, unbeaten in three starts, share a six-rounder with the German-based Greek, Mario Guedes, who had won his last four inside the distance. The Dutchman was shaken by a right hook in Round Four, but decked Guedes in the fifth and looked to be a comfortable winner.

Los Angeles silver medalist, southpaw Peter Konywachie of Nigeria, who lost just four of 86 amateur contests, won his second paid start, outscoring Uganda's Johnny Rubin over six. Rubin dropped to 9-1-2. Rubin was fined for coming in overweight, and Konywachie received half the fine as compensation.

German lightweight Konny Mittermeier beat the Benelux champion, Fernando Blanco of Belgium, when Blanco was disqualified by referee Sigi Hahn for landing low in frame four of the scheduled eight-rounder. Mittermeier has lost three of his nine fights, while Blanco suffered his fifth loss in 20 starts.

German Klaus Winter, a 37-year-old light heavyweight, knocked out Darco Stanojevic, a German-based Yugoslav, in Round Three.

German light heavy Nelson Alves made a successful pro debut, outscoring countryman Bernd Kulle over four rounds to end Kulle's four-bout win streak.
(4-4-87)

NOTES—Though fans were shocked and disappointed when European welterweight champion Jose Varela failed to leave his stool for the 10th gong against Spaniard Alfonso Redondo, they had been served up a tremendous bout. Varela said he had never been hit so hard in winning all 25 of his previous pro bouts. At one time, Redondo gave thought to retiring but was ordered to continue by his corner, which realized Varela was not at his peak.

JACK TREE

ITALY

▶**ROMA**—Lightweight Panterito Mosquera scored an eight-round decision over Faical Naifer.

Antonio De Santis won a decision over Makaya Kotey in a six-round featherweight bout.

Butangi Nzolameso won by third-round TKO over Franco Callegari, who was cut and unable to continue the middleweight scrap.
(4-17-87)

▶**CASERTA**—Giovanni De Marco scored an eight-round, middleweight decision over Kamunga Mabobo.

Flyweight Ali Benjedou scored a three-round TKO over Giovanni Camputaro, who was cut.

A junior welterweight match ended in the sixth round, Lino Becchetti winning by foul over Leopardo Pompa.
(4-18-87)

▶**CATANIA**—A European junior welterweight championship contest saw Tek Nkalankete, 138½, stop Alessandro Scapecchi, 139¼, in the sixth.

Maurizio Stecca, 126½, scored an eight-round decision over Luis Del Valle Rodriguez, 127.

Giuseppe Cali, 156½, decisioned Nazario Mariotti, 158, over eight.

Abdel Arrob, 149, knocked out Nicola Parrino, 144¼, in four.

Romolo Casamonica, 149¾, scored a three-round KO over Ricky Kayser, 151¾.
(4-22-87)

▶**BUDRIO**—Welterweight Jose Luis Limpio stopped Marko Jakonin in three.

Allessandro Duran, 146, scored a six-round decision over Mwembo Kitenge, 145.
(4-22-87)

▶**ACCIAROLI**—Ramon Abeldano, 154, scored a six-round KO over Calisto Bavaresco, 152¾.

Paziente Adobati, 128, won a six-round nod from Luigi Juliano, 130½.

Antonio Manfredini, 193¼, stopped Giovanni Marchesini, 193½, in the fifth on cuts.

Efrem Calamati, 137¾, knocked out Abdel Kareem, 139¼, in five.

Slobodan Kacar, 186¾, won an eight-round decision from Danny Lawford, 186½.
(4-25-87)

▶**SEREGNO**—Lightweight Freddy Cruz TKO'd Marzio Patuzzo in five.
(4-30-87)

▶**GROSSETO**—Junior welterweight Bruno Simili stopped Gianquinto Vercella in three.

Rinaldo Cacchioni and Luigi La Grasta fought to a six-round, junior welterweight draw.
(5-1-87)

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**LONDON—Wembley Arena**—Making his first appearance since his defeat by Tim Witherspoon nine months previously, Frank Bruno, 226½, stopped American James "Quick" Tillis, 214, referee John Coyle intervening at 1:57 of Round Five when Tillis was cut by the left eye and the nose. He said afterwards there was no way he was going to continue with so much blood coming from the eye injury.

Veteran Tillis didn't seem interested in coming forward, so Bruno had to do all the work. At times, he scored with right hands to the head, but showed a reluctance to follow up and Bruno had no difficulty in driving his man back with left jabs and hooks.

Bruno took a little time to find his ring legs, but once he had done so it was one-way traffic. Early in Round Five, Bruno scored with a left to the body and as Tillis backed up, Bruno threw a left hook which caught his opponent on the left eyebrow. It bled profusely, and Tillis half turned away, showing no further interest in the fight.

A successful return by Bruno and the talk now is of a fight with Mike Tyson. Frank will need one or two more fights to get back into the swing of things again before launching his world title bid.

Former European featherweight champion Jim O'Donnell, 131½, stopped American Ricky Clements, 133¼, referee Dave Parris calling a halt at 1:18 of Round Five in a scheduled 10 when Clements was cut by the left eye. O'Donnell was well ahead at the time.

European flyweight champion Duke McKenzie won every round in outpointing Mexican Jose Manuel Diaz, referee Coyle scoring it 80-76 after eight. Both were inside the stipulated 114. Diaz' nose bled from the fourth.

Gary Mason, 243, Wandsworth, stopped American Richard Scott, 214, the intervention coming at 87 seconds of the opening round after Scott had been down twice.

Derrick Williams, 225½, London, outpointed Andrew Gerrard, Risca, 228, referee Jack Snipe scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six.

Joey Joynson, 135½, Liverpool, outpointed Midlands Area champion Ray Newby, 136¼, Nottingham, referee Snipe casting it 78-76 after eight.
(3-24-87)

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Alan Baptiste, 164, stopped T.J. Jenkins, 173, Brentford, referee Roy Francis intervening without taking up the count as Jenkins was floored for the fourth time at 2:32 of Round Three.

Leon Thomas, 157, Coventry, stopped Martin Kielty, 164½, Birmingham, referee Francis calling a halt in Round Two of a scheduled eight twos after Kielty had been down.

Mitchell King, 127, Leicester, outpointed Roy Williams, 125, Merthyr, not losing a round on referee Nick White's card of 60-58 after six twos.

Dusty Miller, London, 152, outpointed Roy Horne, 150½, Maidenhead, referee White scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.
(3-23-87)

▶**LIVINGSTONE—Forum Arena**—Steve Boyle, 134, Glasgow, outpointed Mike Durvan, Penge, over 10 in an eliminator for the British lightweight title, referee John Coyle scoring it 98½-96½. Durvan was down three times and Boyle once.

Alex Dickson, 138, Larkhall, didn't lose a round in outpointing Gary Muir, 139, Belfast, referee Billy Rafferty scoring it 80-76½ after eight. Muir was floored three times.

Ian McLeod, 137, outpointed Abdul Kareem, 136, London, referee Len Mullen scoring it 79-78 after eight.

Owen Smith, 146, Edinburgh, drew with Willie MacDonald, 148, Holytown, over six.

John Carlin, 125, Glasgow, didn't lose a round in outpointing Phil Lashley, 126, Birmingham, scoreline 60-57½ after six.
(3-3-87)

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Kelvin Mortimer, 146¾, Rhondda, kayoed Ken Foreman, 148½, at 2:31 of Round Three in a scheduled eight after flooring him for eight. Referee Sid Nathan.

Gerry Beard, 142, Nottingham, beat Frankie Lake, 140, Bournemouth, who was disqualified in Round Seven of a scheduled eight twos, referee Paddy Sower ruling him out for persistent holding.

Dusty Miller, 150, London, kayoed debutant Barry Messam, Nottingham, at 1:44 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos by a left hook. Referee Sower.

Mark Howell, 149, Nottingham, outpointed Geoff Calder, 149, Kidderminister, referee Nathan scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.
(3-9-87)

▶**DUDLEY—Civic Hall**—British heavyweight champion Horace Notice, 212, successfully defended his Commonwealth crown by stopping Proud Kilimanjaro, Zimbabwe, referee John Coyle intervening at 2:56 of Round Eight with Kilimanjaro under pressure.

Tommy Taylor, 178, Midlands Area light heavyweight champion, outpointed sub Gypsy George Carman, 187, Wisbech, not losing a round on Coyle's card of 80-76 after eight.

Peter Till, Bloxwich, 138, outpointed Carl Merritt, Newport, 138, referee Jim Pridding scoring it 79½-78 after eight twos.

Tony Swift, 136, kept his unbeaten record by stopping Dean Bramhald, 138, Doncaster, Pridding intervening at 1:47 of Round Five in a scheduled eight twos when Bramhald sustained an eye injury.

Kesem Clayton, 149½, Coventry, beat debutant Ian John-Lewis, 149, Gillingham, who also sustained an eye injury, referee Pridding calling a halt at the halfway mark.

Mick Cordon, 214, Doncaster, drew with Carl Timbrell, 226, over six twos. Referee, Pridding.
(3-4-87)

▶**STOKE—Europena Sporting Club**—Tim Driscoll, 130½, Bermondsey, outpointed Russ Davidson, 129, Manchester, over eight, referee Paul Thomas (who officiated throughout) scoring it a narrow 78½-78.

Malcolm Kaye, 171, Liverpool, beat Wayne Barker, 164, Manchester, who retired at the end of Round Four in a scheduled six with an injured right hand. Barker had been down twice.

Debutant Darrel Ritchie, 176, Rhyl, stopped Jim Cropper, 176, Haslingden, the referee intervening at 1:45 of Round Two after Cropper had been down twice and was under pressure.

Peter Elliott, 156, Burton, didn't lose a round in outpointing G.L. Booth, 156, Manchester, scoreline 60-58 after six.
(3-4-87)

▶**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—Lloyd Hibbert, 151½, Birmingham, won the vacant British light-middleweight title and the Commonwealth crown by narrowly outpointing Nick Wilshire, 152¾, referee Sid Nathan scoring it 118-117½ after 12. Wilshire afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

Gary Cooper, 153½, outpointed Mick Courtney, 154, for the third time, referee Larry O'Connell casting it 118½-117 after 12. Cooper was defending his Southern Area light-middleweight title and it was also a final eliminator for the British crown.

Tom Collins, 173½, regained the vacant British light heavyweight title by stopping John Moody, 173½, referee O'Connell intevening at 0:30 of Round 10 in a scheduled 12, with Moody under pressure. Moody was down twice.

Dave Dent, 148½, kept his unbeaten record by knocking out American Ricky Kaiser at 2:56 of Round Four in a scheduled eight after flooring him twice.

Ian Chantler, 156, St. Helens, outpointed hitherto unbeaten Dean Barclay, 154, Enfield, referee Reg Thompson scoring it 78½-78 after eight.
(3-11-87)

▶**MANCHESTER—The Ritz**—Billy Buchanan, 133, Dundee, beat Brian Roche, 133½, Bacup, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 1:24 of Round Eight when Roche was cut by the left eye. This was an official eliminator for the British lightweight title. Roche was hitherto unbeaten.

Gerry McBride, 117½, won the vacant Central Area bantamweight title by stopping Ronnie Stephenson, 117¾, referee Harry Warner intervening at 2.20 of Round Seven with Stephenson

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3. Pinklon Thomas (U.S.)
4. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
5. James Smith (U.S.)
6. Gerry Cooney (U.S.)
7. Tim Witherspoon (U.S.)
8. Tony Tubbs (U.S.)
9. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
10. Jose Ribalta (U.S.)

JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Evander Holyfield (U.S.)
1. Bert Cooper (U.S.)
2. Dwight Qawi (U.S.)
3. Jose Burlon (Uruguay)
4. Piet Crous (South Africa)
5. Henry Tillman (U.S.)
6. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
7. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
8. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
9. Lee Roy Murphy (U.S.)
10. Ossie Ocasio (Puerto Rico)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
1. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
2. Don LaLonde (Canada)
3. Jean-Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
4. Chris Reid (U.S.)
5. Lindell Holmes (U.S.)
6. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
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9. Richard Caramanolis (France)
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Vacant
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4. Michael Olajide (U.S.)
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9. James Kinchen (U.S.)
10. Juan Gimenez (Paraguay)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike McCallum (U.S.)
1. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
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5. John Mugabi (Uganda)
6. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
7. Carlos Elliott (Japan)
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9. Milton McCrory (U.S.)
10. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)

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Champion
Mark Breland (U.S.)
1. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
2. Marlon Starling (U.S.)
3. Fujio Ozaki (Japan)
4. Maurice Blocker (U.S.)
5. Tomas Molinares (Colombia)
6. Simon Brown (U.S.)
7. Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)
8. Harold Volbrecht (South Africa)
9. Tyron Trice (U.S.)
10. Seung-Soon Lee (Korea)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
1. Vinny Pazienza (U.S.)
2. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
3. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)
4. Terrence Alli (Guyana)
5. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
6. Pernell Whitaker (U.S.)
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8. Juan Coggi (Argentina)
9. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Republic)
10. Gene Hatcher (U.S.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
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2. Jose Rivera (Puerto Rico)
3. Francisco Fernandez (Panama)
4. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
5. Jean-Marc Renard (Belgium)
6. Juan Laporte (U.S.)
7. Dwight Pratchett (U.S.)
8. Dennis Cruz (U.S.)
9. Danilo Cabrera (Dominican Rep)
10. Kenny Baysmore (U.S.)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
1. Jose Marmolejos (Panama)
2. Marcos Villsana (Mexico)
3. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
4. Hector Lopez (Mexico)
5. Steve Cruz (U.S.)
6. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
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Champion
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1. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
2. Bernardo Pinango (Venezuela)
3. James Pipps (U.S.)
4. Jose Sanabria (Venezuela)
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6. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
7. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
8. Manuel Vilchez (Venezuela)
9. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
10. Julio Gervacio (Dominican Republic)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Takuya Muguruma (Japan)
1. Chan-Yong Park (Korea)
2. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
3. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
4. Ernie Cataluna (Philippines)
5. Kaokor Galaxy (Thailand)
6. Azael Moran (Panama)
7. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
8. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
9. Lucio Lopez (Argentina)
10. Frankie Duarte (U.S.)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kaosai Galaxy (Thailand)
1. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
2. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
3. Sugar Rojas (Colombia)
4. Kong Payakaroon (Thailand)
6. Byung-Kwan Chung (Korea)
7. Elvis Alvarez (Colombia)
8. Tae-Il Chang (Korea)
9. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
9. Jiro Watanabe (Japan)
10. Constancio Dangla (Philippines)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
1. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
2. Duke McKenzie (England)
3. Miguel Mercedes (Dominican Rep.)
4. Paul Gonzales (U.S.)
5. Rafael Cabrera (Dominican Rep.)
6. Orlando Canizales (U.S.)
7. Julio Gudino (Panama)
8. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
9. Richard Clarke (Jamaica)
10. David McAuley (Ireland)

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2. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
3. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
4. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
5. Roy Thompson (Panama)
6. Tomohiro Kiyuna (Japan)
7. Seiji Tomari (Japan)
8. Benedicto Murillo (Panama)
9. Azadin Anhar (Indonesia)
10. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)

under pressure after being floored by a left hook. The new champion's father, Gerry McBride Sr., held the Central Area feather and junior lightweight titles in the late 60s.

Johnny Nelson, 186, Sheffield, beat Sean Daly, 192, Leeds, referee Phil Cowsill intervening at 0.52 of the opening round when Daly was cut by the left eye.

Mike Wallace, 130, Salford, stopped Derek Amory, 126, Birmingham, Warner calling a halt at 2:38 of Round Two with Amory under pressure.

Antonio Fernandez, Birmingham, stopped David Heath, 151, Salford, referee Cowsill intervening at 1:21 of Round Five after Heath had been down. Both were making their pro debuts.

George Baigrie, 137½, Edinburgh, stopped Joey Jacobs, 137, referee Cowsill calling a halt at 1:50 of the opening round after Jacobs had been decked by a left hand.
(3-10-87)

▶**SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club**—Oliver Henry, 143, Kings Lynn, outpointed John Davey, 142, Chingford, referee Dave Parris scoring it 59½-58 after six twos.

Eamonn Payne, 140, stopped Mark Wray, 144, referee Reg Thompson intervening at 1:42 of Round One of a scheduled four twos after Wray had been down.

Paul McCarthy, 153, Southampton, kayoed Jim Beckitt, 154, Woodham Ferrers, at 1:40 of Round One in a scheduled six twos. Referee, Thompson.

Steve McCarthy, 162, kayoed B.K. Bennett, 159, London at 1:14 of Round Three in a scheduled six. Referee, Parris.
(3-3-87)

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Derek Angol, 188½, kayoed Patrick Collins, 188½, at 0:24 of Round Six in a scheduled eight twos with a left hook. Referee Mike Jacobs.

Johnny Graham, Paddington, 172, outpointed Ray Thomas, 172½, referee Jacobs scoring it 79½-77 after eight twos.

Dennis Banton, 168, Stockewell, outpointed Leon Thomas, 166, Coventry, referee Nick White scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos. Thomas was down in the opening round.

Eddie Brook, 155, Camberwell, won every round in outpointing Keith Scott, 155, referee White casting it 60-57 after six twos. Scott was making his debut.
(3-12-87)

▶**LONDON—Elephant & Castle Leisure Centre**—Kirkland Laing, Nottingham, won the vacant British welterweight title by stopping Sylvester Mittee, former British and Commonwealth champion, who turned towards his own corner in Round Five and, after an inquiry by referee Adrian Morgan, it was announced the bout had been stopped, although it did appear that Mittee had retired.

Time of the stoppage was 1:56 of Round Five. Mittee afterward claimed a thumb in the eye had left him blind and confused. After a slow start, Laing looked to be taking charge.

Chris Blake, 140, Croydon, kept his unbeaten record and won the Southern Area light-welterweight title by outpointing champion Lennie Gloster, 140, Peterborough, referee Morgan scoring it a narrow 98-97½ after 10. This was also an official eliminator for the British crown.

Former British cruiserweight champion Sammy Reeson, 192½, didn't lose a round in outpointing American Roy Saffold, referee Dave Parris scoring it 100-96 after 10.

Floyd Havarad, 130¾, Wales, kept his unbeaten record, stopping Nigel Senior, 130½, Nottingham, referee Jack Snipe intervening at 1:40 of Round Five with Senior under pressure.

Byron Pullen, 172¾, Wales, stopped Kevin McGrath, 174¾, referee Snipe calling a halt at 1:45 of Round Five in a scheduled six after McGrath had been floored.
(3-24-87)

▶**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Andy Deabreu, 144¼, Wales, beat Scottish super-featherweight champion Dave Savage, 133, referee Len Mullen intervening at the end of Round Four in a scheduled eight when Savage was cut by the left eye.

Tommy McCallum, 148¼, Edinburgh, outpointed Kevin Hayde, 149, Cardiff, referee Billy Rafferty scoring it 79½-77½ after eight twos.

Dave Summer, 209, Glasgow, kept his unbeaten certificate by narrowly outpointing Danny Hassan, 184, Cardiff, referee Mullen scoring it 59-59½ after six.

Chris Clarkson, 119, Hull, outpointed Kerry Webber, 118, Rhondda, over six, referee Rafferty casting it 59½-58½.
(3-16-87)

▶**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Tommy Farrell, 138, beat Ernie Noble, 136, Wakefield, who retired at the end of Round Two in a scheduled eight because of injury. Noble had been floored just before the end of the round.

Kevin Plant, Doncaster, drew with Jimmy Conley, 145, Bradford, over six. Referee Keith Garner.

Simon Hunter, 138, outpointed Jan Murray, 137, Manchester, by a narrow 59-58½ over six twos on referee Garner's card.
(3-16-87)

▶**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Ronnie, Carroll, 119, Glasgow, stopped Shane Silvester, 118, West Bromwich, referee John Coyle intervening with 55 seconds remaining in a scheduled eight-rounder when Silvester had been down from a right hand.

George Jones, 132, Telford, stopped Mike Whalley, 130¾, Manchester, referee Terry O'Connor calling a halt at 0.55 of Round Two after Whalley had been floored.

Tony Ekubia, 143¼, Manchester, narrowly outpointed Simon Eubanks, 144½, referee Coyle scoring it 78½-78 after eight.

John Best, 142½, Manchester, stopped John Smith, 141, Liverpool, referee O'Connor intervening at 1.50 of Round One after Smith had been down twice.

Marvin P. Gray, 136, Stanley, narrowly outpointed Mark Pearce, 134, Cardiff, referee O'Connor casting it 78½-78 after eight twos.
(3-18-87)

▶**LONDON—York Hall**—Michael Watson, 164, Islington, gained the best win of his 13-fight career when he outpointed Cliff Gilpin, Telford, in a fine bout. Referee Roy Francis scored it 79-78 after eight. Watson was cut by the right eye in Round Seven but kept on top to beat a man hitherto rated No. 4 in the middleweight division.

Mickey Hughes, 149, Camden Town, gained his ninth victory, eight inside the distance, when he stopped Andy O'Rawe, 148, Canvey Island, referee Francis calling a halt as the bell ended Round Two in a scheduled eight after O'Rawe had been decked three times.

Wayne Weekes, 132½, Bellingham, kayoed Brian Nickels, 135½, at 1:13 of Round Five in a scheduled eight twos with a right hook. Nickels was previously unbeaten.

Billy Ruzgar, 125½, Hackney, stopped Carl Gaynor, 126, Manchester, referee Francis intervening at 2:45 of Round Four in a scheduled six with Gaynor under pressure.

Rudi Valentino, 134¾, Plumstead, outpointed Neil Haddock, 133, Llanelli, referee Nick White scoring it 59½-58 after six.

B.F. Williams, 134, Watford, outpointed Les Remikie, 136, Croydon, referee White scoring it 60-57½, indicating Williams hadn't lost any of the six rounds.
(3-19-87)

▶**LONDON—Porchester Hall**—Harry Cowap, 171¾, kept his All-Ireland light heavyweight title by stopping Sean O'Phoenix, 172, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 2:51 of Round Eight with O'Phoenix under pressure and cut by the left eye and nose. He had been down in Round Five. Both boxers originate from Dublin but are based in Britain.

Andrew Furlong, 137, Hammersmith, narrowly outpointed sub Tony Borg, 138, Cardiff, referee Jacobs calling it 78½-78 after eight twos.

Steve Conway, 172½, New Cross, stopped Keith Butler, 173, referee Nick White calling a halt at 0:56 of Round Five in a scheduled six twos with Butler under pressure. Keith had been down in Round One but looked to be ahead when the end came.

Gary Finn, 164, Paddington, drew with Jason Baxter, 164, Leicester, over six twos. Referee, White. Baxter was down in Round Two.

Tony Britland, 149½, Barmouth, outpointed Jimmy Ward, 148½, Paddington, referee White scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Billy Sim, 178¾, won every round in outpointing Steve Ward, Nottingham, 170, referee White casting it 60-57 after six twos.
(3-18-87)

▶**STOKE—Trenton Garden**—Down from a right hand in Round Two, Shane Porter, 126, Kettering, got up to stop Colin Lynch, 124¾, flooring him four times before referee Jim Pridding intervened at 2:35 of Round Three. This contest was for the Midlands Area featherweight title.

Mark Howells, 145½, Nottingham, 145½, stopped Cecil Branch, 146, Wolverhampton, referee Brian Arnott calling a halt at 0:18 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos with Branch under pressure.

Carl Taylor, 129½, Birmingham, outpointed Steve Brown, 132, Birmingham, referee Arnott scoring it 59½-58 after six twos.

Over four twos, Paul Wesley, 168, Birmingham, drew with Darren Ritchie, 170, Rhyl. Referee, Pridding.

Tony Behan, 166, narrowly outpointed Paul Hanlon, 165, Birmingham, Arnott scoring it 39½-39 after four twos.
(3-18-87)

▶**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Tony Heath, 125, Leicester, outpointed Andrew Steadman, 124, Skip-

ton, referee Brian Hogg scoring it a narrow 78½-78 after eight twos.

In a battle of debutants, Dean Binch, 129½, Sheffield, outpointed Jimmy Lee, Blackburn, 127, referee Phil Cowsill casting it 59-58 after six.

Rocky Lester, 135, Leicester, stopped Dave Croft, 137, Doncaster, referee Cowsill calling a halt at 1:53 of Round Two after Croft had been decked.

Maurice Thomas, 163½, Bradford, made a successful debut by narrowly outpointing Ruben Thurley, 162½, Leicester, referee Hogg scoring it 39½-39 after four twos.
(3-23-87)

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▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Carlos Elliot, a U.S. military worker at Misawa Base Camp, 152, became the OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) junior middleweight champ, as he eventually turned the tables and finished Korean champ Jae-Hyun Yuh, 153, at 1:28 of the ninth round in a scheduled 12.

Yuh, the younger brother of ex-WBA junior middleweight champ Jae-Do Yuh, often had Carlos at bay, taking the second, fourth, fifth and sixth rounds. Seemingly overpowered by the aggressive Korean, the Japanese titlist Elliot turned the tide with his powerful rights in the seventh. He dropped Jae-Hyun twice prior to Thai referee Ukrit Sarasas' tolling the fatal 10.

Carlos, the WBA's ninth-ranked contender, is 15-1 with as many kayoes. Yuh fell to 28-5 with 24 knockouts.

Masahiro Takagi, the JBC's #6 junior lightweight, 130, stopped Taichi Okada, 129¼, at 2:17 of the third canto in the semifinal 10. Takagi, who had failed to win the Japanese featherweight title from Eijiro Kuruma (now retired) twice, is 20-7-3 with 10 kayoes.

Promoter: Teiken Promotions.
(4-2-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Masaharu Owada, 157¾, was onesidedly winning, but needed the full eight rounds to halt game challenger Tadashi Maruo, also 157¾, to retain his Japanese middleweight crown.

Maruo retired at the end of the eighth canto. Owada, though showing a lackluster performance, is 14-10-1 with 12 kayoes. Maruo impaired to 11-10-1 with eight KOs.

Eiji Kikuzaki, the JBC's top junior welterweight contender, 139, dropped Naoki Ito, 139¾, so badly as to demolish him at 2:41 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Kikuzaki, a notoriously slow starter, amazed the crowd with his quick start. Previously he used to wake up after absorbing some punishment. He is 15-1-1 with 13 kayoes. Ito, Japanese #2 contender, is 7-2 with two knockouts.

Yoshimitsu Azato, 130, continued his comeback trail and flattened Bruce Kyoda, 129½, with a single left hook at 2:20 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Azato is 19-5-1 with 12 knockouts. He previously held the Japanese junior lightweight title and was then rated third internationally by the WBA.

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Hisao Ishido, 117½, came off the canvas and embalmed Moriaki Arazaki, 118, at 2:36 of the second round in a scheduled six. Ishido, the JBC's #10 bantie, is 10-1-1 with six KOs.

Promoter: Kadoebi Promotions.
(3-23-87)

▶**HACHINOHE—Hachinohe City Gymnasium**—Mark (Brooks) Horikoshi, the Japanese junior featherweight kingpin, 121¾, caught Kimio Saotome, 122, with accurate punches and finished him at 1:20 of the third round in a scheduled 10. It was Mark's first defense since he acquired the vacant title by disposing of Yoshiyuki Nomaguchi last January.

Horikoshi is 11-1 with eight kayoes. Saotome, a vaunted tough guy, took a bad beating and dropped to 7-8-2 with five KOs.

In an eighter, Kazuya Kano, 122, halted Koichi Aramaki, 121½, with the latter's cornerman tossing in the towel at 2:20 of the fourth round. Kano is 10-1-1 with five kayoes.

Promoter: Rubic Hachinohe Promotions.
(3-25-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—A stunning upset happened. Fusao Imai was known as the sole fighter to beat the current WBC world super lightweight champ Tsuyoshi Hamada in four rounds in 1979. But he suffered many knockout defeats and sank into obscurity.

Imai, 130, befuddled junior lightweight champ Tiger Michigami, also 130, with his opening attacks and kept his points lead despite his visit to the canvas midway in round eight.

Imai, a heavy underdog, thus captured the national title by a unanimous decision in 10 hot frames. Scoring: referee Asao, 97-95, judge Tezaki, 97-96, and judge Kumazaki, 96-95, all for Imai. The new champ bettered his log to 14-10-7 with seven kayoes. Michigami, three years his junior at 27, fell to 16-6, including 14 KOs.

Keiji (Yoshinori) Mizoguchi, the JBC's second-ranked welterweight, 146½, won a unanimous nod (double 80-75 and 79-74) over Tetsuya Manaka, Japanese top junior middleweight contender, 147, in eight. Mizoguchi, 22, is 10-2 with six kayoes. Manaka, 21, fell to 6-2-1 with three knockouts.

Masayuki Takahashi, the JBC's #2 flyweight, 112, was awarded a TKO win over Yoshiaki Nojima, former Japanese junior flyweight champ at 112, at the end of the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Nojima's eye injury caused his corner to toss in the towel.

Promoter: Shinto Productions.
(3-26-87)

▶**YAIZU—Yaizu Gymnasium**—Shirk Ishihara, Japan's top lightweight contender, 135, suffered his first setback at the hands of unheralded trialhorse Koki Higachi, 135¾, via a unanimous decision in 10. Ishihara hit the deck for a mandatory eight count in the first and ninth rounds. Ishihara fell to 9-1 with four kayoes. Higashi, an upset winner, is 9-13-1 with just one kayo.

There were seven four-round fights.

Promoter: Mitsuyama Promotions.
(3-29-87)

▶**AMAGASAKI—Amagasaki Sports Center**—Japanese featherweight champ Mitsuru Sugiya, 125½, scored a clearcut knockout over local favorite Masayoshi Matsuura, 125, at 2:03 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Sugiya sank the challenger with a left hook to the side of the belly, and Matsuura collapsed in agony for the count. Ryoji Kashiwagi refereed.

It was Sugiya's first defense since recapturing the national crown via a spectacular kayo over Kenji Iizumi in two rounds last January. He is 22-2 with 16 knockouts. Matsuura impaired to 12-9-1 with seven KOs.

Shoji Nishida, 134¾, halted Violet Yosuke, 133¾, at 2:26 of the second round in a scheduled eight. The loser was dropped once in the first round and twice more in the fatal session. His cornerman threw in the towel to stop his boy's absorption of more damage.

Promoter: Amagasaki Boxing Club.
(4-4-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Demolished by Jung-Koo Chang via a fifth-round TKO in his quest for the WBC light flyweight title, ex-Japanese titlist Hideyuki Ohashi, 108, engaged in a comeback go and disposed of Masato Tanaka, 109¾, at 1:54 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Ohashi, the WBC's #26 108-pounder, displayed his power punching as he floored the loser four times before the stoppage. Ohashi, 22, is 6-2 with four knockouts. Tanaka, 25, impaired to 6-11 with four KOs.

Hiroshi Yamamoto, a busy banger, 118, halted Mitsuru Arazaki, 117¼, at 1:16 of the ninth canto in the semifinal 10. The winner pummeled the loser into submission as Arazaki turned his back to be counted out.

Hiroshi Shinmyo, 122, stopped Chikara Hiratoku, 121, at 2:10 of the seventh canto in a supporting eight.

This card was held, unfortunately, at the same time of TV Tokyo telecasting the Marvin Hagler vs. Sugar Ray Leonard fight, so there were fewer customers than the promoter expected.

Promoter: Yonekura Promotions.
(4-7-87)

▶**OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium**—Kenji Kubo, the JBC's second-ranked junior middleweight, 153, dug solid shots to the midsection and had Hideo Kanenami, 151½, down for the count at 2:48 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Kubo is 4-4-1 with three kayoes.

Satoshi Urakawa, 128, won an upset majority decision (76-75, 77-75 and 75-75) over Yoshiteru Uegaki, 127, in eight. Each hit the deck. Uegaki, the JBC's #4 featherweight, fell to 7-3-1 with four KOs.

Promoter: Apollo Promotions.
(4-10-87)

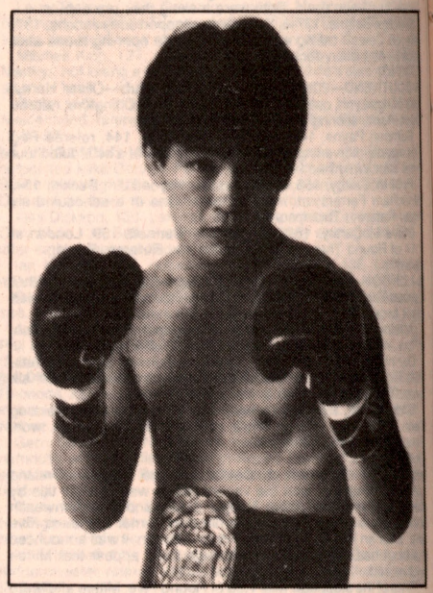
▶**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—Hiroyuki Miyata, Japan's #5 junior flyweight, 106¾, was held to a controversial draw by Katsumi Komiyama, the JBC's #7, 108, in 10. The shorter Komiyama was floored for a compulsory eight count. Miyata looked to have dominated all rounds but the second and eighth, but the officials saved the local favorite with a disputed draw (97-94, 95-98 and 96-96).

Takeo Takahashi, 126, stopped Koichiro Akiyama, 124¾, with the loser's corner tossing the towel for surrender at 1:35 of the fifth round in the semifinal eight.

Promoter: Harada Promotions.
(4-12-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Unbeaten prospect Takeshi Yamato, the JBC's #7 middleweight contender, 153¾, showed a very lackluster performance and drew with Tomoyuki Rokuhara, 153¼, in six.

Yamato, this year's winner of Shinjin-o (Novice King) tourney, failed to score good right shots only to mix up poorly with the brutal swinger.
(4-22-87)



Japanese lightweight champion Iwao Otomo made the first defense of his national title with an eighth-round stoppage in Tokyo.

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese lightweight champ Iwao Otomo, 135, had a tough time due to the incredible durability of Naoyuki Iramina, also 135, but eventually stopped him at 0:39 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

It was Otomo's first defense since he wrested it from veteran Cheyenne Yamamoto via a kayo route last January.

Iramina, battered to the punch, was downed to the deck and to the ropes in rounds two, three and seven. But he refused to be counted out and gamely fought back recklessly. Otomo's desperate combos had referee Masakazu Uchida issue a fatal standing count early in the eighth canto. Otomo is 12-1 with 11 kayoes. The Rocky Graziano-stylist must master how to box and how to defend himself more properly. The game loser is 9-4-3 with three KOs.

Kenji Yokozawa, 111½, outscored Yoshihiro Yamaguchi, 112, in eight.

The second year of A-Class Prize Tournaments began with the JBC's ranked boys to compete in six rounds.

Masami Okamura, the JBC's 10th-ranked flyweight, 112, flattened Yuto Kazaki, also 112, with a wicked body shot at 1:32 of the third round.

Hiroyuki Yoshino, 147, onesidedly decisioned lefty and negative Yoichi Isono, also 147, in six.

Yasutaka Sakurai, 111½, averted solid punches of Jun (Hoki) Inazuma, 112, winning a unanimous decision in six.

Sakurai, a powder-puff punching rookie, is 5-0 with no kayoes.

Toshimi Miura, 117½, landed a fine one-two at the face of Hiromitsu Tatsuki, 118, embalming him at 3:06 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Promoter: Shin-Nippon Saito and Kukusai Promotions.
(4-23-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—It was the most sensational card of the month. Japanese junior flyweight champ Tomohiro Kiyuna, the WBA's sixth-ranked contender, 108, responded to the challenge of Seiji Tomari, the WBC's number seven 108-pounder, also at the limit, with his title at stake. Kiyuna, a more crafty speedster, floored Tomari with a vicious right cross for the mandatory eight count in the third round. After, it became a lopsided onslaught by the champ. Tomari refused to go down again, but absorbed too much punishment.

Scoring: referee Tezaki, 99-91, judge Asao, 100-91, and judge Shimakawa, 99-90, all for the defending titlist.

Tomari entered the WBC's top 10 with an upset kayo over Mexican Efren Pinto, then highly rated, in three rounds last May. Kiyuna was kayoed by the WBA world champ Myung-Woo Yuh in his bid for the title last June. Kiyuna proved much more clever with good jabs and counters to make the fight more onesided than expected.

Kiyuna, a short footworker, is 17-2 with seven kayoes. Tomari fell to 14-3 with eight KOs.

Tomohiro might be the next challenger of Jung-Koo Chang, who will come to Japan to defend his WBC light flyweight crown in September, Ho-Yun Chun (Chang's manager) said after the fight.

Tomoaki Kobayashi, the JBC's #4 bantamweight, 118, fought

a give-and-take battle with Koheita Tanaka, Japan's fifth-ranked junior bantie, also 118, copping a unanimous nod in 10.

Kobayashi is 9-3 with three KOs. Tanaka fell to 9-6-2 with five kayoes.

Promoter: World Sports Club.

(4-27-87)

▶**NOTES:** Former amateur Japanese lightweight champion Takeyuki Akagi, 24, gave up his life of a high school teacher and decided to enter the paid ranks. Akagi was All-Japan amateur kingpin for three consecutive years from 1984. His record was 97-13 with 60 RSCs (referee stop contests). He will make a pro debut in eight rounds under the coaching of ex-world flyweight champion Shoji Oguma in Shin-Nippon Kimura Gym.

Iwao Wakamatsu, 83, passed away April 11. He was previously a very influential Club owner and cultivated many famous champions like Orient featherweight leader Mitsunori Seki, lightweight kingpin Jiro Sawada, middleweight ruler Hachiro Tatsumi, et al.

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—They were both born and grew up in near homes just a quarter-mile away in Okinawa to be very intimate friends. Boxing is, in a sense, a hard game, as such good friends must exchange punches in the ring.

Tomohiro Kiyuna, Japanese junior flyweight champ rated sixth by the WBA, 108, responded to the challenge of Seiji Tomari, the WBC's ninth-ranked contender, also 108, and kept his crown by a very onesided decision in 10.

Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki 99-91, judge Kazunobu Asao 100-91 and judge Takeshit Shimakawa 99-90, all for the shorter champ.

Having been demolished by Korean Myung-Woo Yuh in 12 rounds last June, Kiyuna looked to have regained his confidence and previous zip. Though losing the first round, Kiyuna dominated almost all sessions from the second. In Round Three, the defending champ dropped the taller challenger with an effective right cross and had him rubber legged. In later rounds, Tomari desperately came forward, but was outlegged and outpunched by the clever Kiyuna.

The 24-year-old victor boosted his credentials to 18-2 with seven kayoes. Tomari, 22, fell to 14-3 with eight knockouts. The loser had entered the WBC's top 10 thanks to his upset kayo over Mexican Efren Pinto in three rounds last May, but he proved no match for the more experienced Kiyuna.

Tomoaki Kobayashi, the JBC's fourth-ranked bantamweight, coped with a rough swinger named Koheita Tanaka, Japanese #5 junior bantamweight, also 118, copping a unanimos decision in 10.

Kobayashi is 9-3 with three kayoes.

There were seven four-rounders in the preliminaries.

Promoter: World Sports Cup.

(4-27-87)

▶**OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium**—Yoshitatsu Nakazato, the JBC's top junior lightweight, 137¾, engaged in an overweight go with Tatsuo Tanigami, also 137¾, and dropped the latter in the seventh round to win a shutout decision (double 100-90 and 100-91) in 10. Nakazato is 14-1-1 with three kayoes. Tanigami fell to 9-4 with five KOs.

Teruaki Miyasato, the JBC's sixth-ranked junior bantam, 115, put on a give-and-take affair with Shinji Ozawa, also 115, stopping him at 0:50 of the fifth round of a scheduled 10. The loser hit the deck in the first and fatal rounds, and the winner in the second stanza. Miyasato impaired to 11-4-1 with three KOs.

Unbeaten prospect Hiroki Ioka, an 18-year-old speedster, 106½, extended his log to 7-0 with five kayoes by decisioning Akira Kiyono, the JBC's #5 mini flyweight, 104½, in eight. Ioka will face Japanese champ Kenji Ono in his quest not only for the national mini flyweight throne but also for the record of winning a title with the youngest age on July 8. Previously, the youngest title winning was done by bantamweight Saburo Otaki, then 18 years eight months, in 1956. Ioka will be still two months younger in July.

Promoter: Green Tsuda Promotions.

(4-28-87)

▶**SENDAI—Miyagi Sports Center**—Japanese mini flyweight champ Kenji Ono, 109¼, decked an important win by winning a majority, but unanimous nod over ex-Mexican titlist Francisco Montiel, 108, in 10. Ono, a tricky puncher, floored the heavy favorite with a well-timed right in the second round. It carried him to a well-received triumph after the close proceedings. Ono is 16-9-4 with six kayoes. Montiel fell to 18-5 with 12 KOs.

Katsuji Sano, a 29-year-old veteran, 129½, pressed the action, overcame the physical deficit to the taller Mexican Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo, 129, and won a close, but unanimous decision (double 98-96 and 98-97) in 10. Sano, after a five-year layoff, decked his second victory in as many bouts since his comeback last May. Roberto suffered his seventh loss against nine wins (seven kayoes) during his campaigns in Japan.

Promoter: Sendai Promotions.

(4-30-87)

▶**NAGOYA—Aichi Prefectural Gymnasium**—Former world heavyweight champ Leon Spinks, 202½, kept a so-called WBC American Continental heavyweight title as he took a split decision (118-114, 116-112 and 117-118) over Jeff Jordan, 200½, in 12.

Toshihiko Matsuda, 112½, stopped Hiroshi Morozumi, 111½, at 2:46 of the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Former Japanese welterweight and junior welterweight kingpin Akio Kameda, 143½, disposed of Filipino Pastro Arcaya, 143½, at 2:36 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. It was a tune-up go for Kameda prior to his criticized crack at Terry Marsh's IBF crown in England.

Filipino Eric Chavez, 114¼, stopped Mikio Uchida, 113¾, at 40 seconds of the fifth session of a scheduled 10.

This card wasn't sanctioned by the Japanese Boxing Commission as it was staged by the IBF Japan Group that the JBC has not authorized. The JBC affiliates with only the WBA and the WBC, never with the IBF. Although there have been many IBF title bouts staged in Korea and other Orient countries, just Japan keeps refusing its affiliation with the IBF. However, a private boxing club whose head is Hisashi Ikeda contacted Robert Lee of the IBF and established his own local commission in Japan. The antagonism between the JBC and the IBF Japan has been beyond description.

(4-28-87)

▶**KAKOGAWA—Kakogawa Sports Center**—Kenji Matsumura, 111½, became the new OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) flyweight champion as he was awarded a split, controversial decision over Thanomsak Sithboabay, a previously unbeaten Thai at 112, in 12 fast rounds.

Scoring: referee Jin-Kook Kim (Korea) 116-115, Matsumura; judge Ryoji Kashiwagi (Japan) 115-113, Matsumura; and judge Vichai Srichamras (Thailand) 117-115, Thanomsak.

The Ring saw it 117-115 for the Thai champion.

Thanomsak scored well with his vaunted stinging lefts, which bounced off the face of the challenger repeatedly in the first half. In the eighth, the champ had the Japanese at bay with accurate blows to the face. But Thanomsak faded in the last three rounds, which were taken by Matsumura. The Thai, 14-1 with six kayoes, failed to pass the morning weigh-in for the first time and had to reduce a half-pound with ropeskipping and a sauna bath. That waste of energy caused his exhaustion in the late rounds.

Matsumura, 27, abandoned his job as a high school teacher to concentrate on fighting professionally. He is 6-2 with four kayoes.

The semi-final saw an upset as Surasith Meeprasert, Thai #3 junior bantamweight, 117¼, was knocked out by unheralded local favorite Shigenobu Nakamasa, also 117¼, at 1:57 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Surasith, previously ranked in the top 20 by the WBC, is currently Lumpini Stadium's junior bantam kingpin in Bangkok. He was a heavy favorite, but sank with a vicious right uppercut of Nakamasa.

The winner is 8-3-1 with six kayoes. Surasith fell to 33-7 with 17 KOs.

Promoter: Kakogawa Kobe Promotions.

(5-3-87)

▶**MINAMI ASHIGARA—Minami Ashigara City Gymnasium**—Six-foot Nobuyuki Tabata, 153¾, landed good overhand rights to Hideo Kawamoto, 154, downed him to the ropes twice and halted him at 3:06 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

It was Tabata's first defense of his Japanese junior middleweight crown since acquiring it via a first-round kayo over Kenji Kubo in an eliminator last January. Kawamoto lasted longer than expected, though people called it a mismatch. Tabata, 23, is 20-5-1 with 18 knockouts. Kawamoto, 26, formerly a baseball catcher, is 7-4 with six KOs.

Promoter: Koeikogyo Odawara Promotions.

(5-7-87)

▶**NAGOYA—City Gymnasium**—Tricky Kawaguchi, the JBC's second-ranked welterweight, 153½, sustained bad cuts and lost a decision to Tadakazu Shishido, 153¼, in 10.

(5-9-87)

▶**SAPPORO—Nakajima Sports Center**—Japanese middleweight champ Masaharu Owada, 156½, kept his title for the fourth time as he finished gutsy challenger Toshinori Matsuyanagi, 156¼, at 3:00 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Owada, a son of a black American father and a Japanese mother, moved up from the junior lightweight division and diminished his previous nickname "Glass Jaw." He is 15-10-4 with 13 knockouts. Matsuyanagi, three years his senior at 29, fell to 5-4 with five KOs.

In the semifinal, ex-Japanese junior lightweight boss Yoshimitsu Azato, 131, outscored Shinji Kobayashi, 130¾, in 10. Azato, 26, is 20-5-1 with 12 kayoes.

(5-10-87)

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KOREA

▶**SUWON—Suwon Indoor Gymnasium**—IBF junior flyweight champion Jum-Hwan Choi rallied in the later rounds to keep his title with a split, 15-round decision over Filipino challenger Tacy Macalos.

Macalos, 107¾, started quickly, displaying a sharp jab, but Choi overcame the edge in the first defense of the title he won via a 15-round decision over compatriot Cho-Woon Park in an eliminator last December. Indonesian judge Leon Johannes scored 145-142 and Korean Jin-Kuk Kim saw it 147-143, both for Choi, who weighed 106¼. Alejandro Francisco of the Philippines voted for his countryman, 146-143.

Macalos, the IBF's fifth-ranked 108-pounder, dominated the first five rounds with ease, scoring from the start with accurate and fast punches to the face. The Filipino almost freely battered the Korean from all angles, connecting with straight rights and solid left hooks. Choi, two years Macalos' senior at 25, regained his usual zip from the sixth round on as Macalos' speed and strength sagged, possibly due to his quick starting pace.

Choi, a short, busy infighter, steadily overcame the early deficit as he caught the fading Macalos with roundhouse rights. Choi showed his best in the 11th canto when he had Macalos at bay with his wild left and right hooks that forced the challenger to use a lot of footwork to last the round.

In the last four rounds, each seemed considerably tired, but Choi remained aggressive against the nearly exhausted challenger.

With his tough victory, Choi bettered his log to 16-1 with five KOs. Macalos dropped to 18-4-2 with four knockouts, though his good performance may have earned him a rematch. Choi received $26,000, with Macalos earning $6,500.

Unbeaten Chul Kwon, the IBF's top-ranked featherweight, showed a lackluster performance but earned a unanimous, 10-round decision over Byung-Youn Kim, the KBC's seventh-ranked junior lightweight. Kwon, a short infighter who weighed 131¾, is 23-0-1 with 15 KOs, but doesn't appear as sharp or as talented as his record would indicate. Kim, also 131¾, is 7-7-4 with one KO.

Chang-Kyun Oh, 118, captured the Korean bantamweight title by disposing of Young-Duk Park at 46 seconds of the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Oh, ranked third by the KBC, was aggressive, pummeling the defending champion into submission for his eighth knockout in an 18-4-3 record. Park, 118, fell to 15-2-3 with five KOs.

Promoter: Saeki Promotions.

(3-29-87)

▶**KYUNGBOK—Joumchon Arena**—The OPBF junior flyweight champ Cho-Woon Park, the WBC's 10th-ranked contender, 108, had a tough time and barely kept his crown via a 12-round draw with Filipino challenger William Belan, 107¾. Cho previously failed to win the vacant IBF title by a 15-round decision to compatriot Joum-Hwan Choi on December 7 last.

Cho-Woon is 17-2-3 with five knockouts. Belan, who fought much better than expected, is 13-2-1 with four kayoes.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.

(4-18-87)

▶**INCHON—Sunin Univ. Gymnasium**—The WBC light flyweight champ Jung-Koo Chang, 108, kept his crown for the 12th time by stopping Efren Pinto, a fragile Mexican, also 108, at 0:57 of the sixth round in a scheduled 12. Chang is 33-1 with 14 knockouts.

Unbeaten prospect Yul-Woo Lee, 112, ran his log to 10-0 with four kayoes as he scored a beautiful, one-punch kayo over Filipino flyweight champ Romy Navarrete, 112½, at 1:40 of the seventh round in the semi final 10. Lee is regarded as a successor to Jung-Koo Chang, though he is not as fast-moving as the WBC champ. But, he can throw stronger punches than Chang.

Attendance: 25,000.

(4-19-87)

▶**CHUNGBOK—Chungju Industrial High School Gymnasium**——There is a good prospect who can be called a Korean Hilario Zapata. Orthodox stylist (not southpaw) as he is, Chun Huh is standing 5'8" and possesses a fine record as well as the Korean junior bantamweight crown. Previously, Huh was fighting in the 108-pound class, but his weight problems caused him to move up two classes abruptly. He took the national crown in the 115-pound division soon.

Huh, 114¼, impressively knocked out Yun-Ho Park, 113½, with straight punches at 1:15 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. He kept his title, showing his progress in every fight. Chun is 19-1 with 13 kayoes. Park impaired to 16-11-4 with four KOs.

Promoter: Ilhwa Promotions.

(4-26-87)

▶**JINJU—Jinju Students Gymnasium**—The OPBF junior bantamweight champ Byung-Kwan Chung, 115, successfully retained his throne by outscoring Indonesian titlist Wongso Indrajit, 114½, in 12.

Chung is 12-5-3 with three kayoes. Indorajit fell to 21-8-4 with nine KOs.

Kyung-Duk Ahn, the WBC's 11th-ranked welterweight and ex-OPBF champ, 142, won a onesided decision from Tae-Wang Kang, 141¾, in 10. Having been dethroned by Sang-Ho Lee via a hairline verdict, Ahn fought his first since and upped his log to 22-1 with 10 kayoes. Kang dropped to 17-19-5 with six KOs.

Soon-Jung Kang, 111¾, recaptured the Korean flyweight crown by decisioning veteran Moon-Jin Choi, 111½, in 10. Ex-champ Kang had to relinquish his national crown prior to having a crack at Thanomsak Sithboabay's OPBF flyweight throne March 1. Kang lost a split duke to Thanomsak and attempted to regain his Korean title in an eliminator. Kang is 24-8-1 with two kayoes. Choi fell to 25-7-2 with six KOs.

Promoter: Kukdong Promotions.

(4-26-87)

▶**TAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**The OPBF junior welterweight kingpin Sang-Ho Lee, 142½, fought a non-title go with Thai champ Yodwan Sornam, also 142¼, dropping him thrice and finishing him at 1:57 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Lee, a rare boxer-puncher among rugged infighters in Korea, improved his credentials to 43-1 with 36 kayoes. Yodwan impaired to 10-6 with nine KOs.

The semifinal saw Oh-Kong Son, the WBC's fifth-ranked flyweight, 114¼, defeat durable Thai Kwanjai Sorpengpis, 113½, by a unanimous decision in 10. Son is 24-3 with 10 kayoes and

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Kwanjai 15-3-1 with eight KOs.
Promoter: Wonjin Promotions.
(5-2-87)

▶SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—The OPBF featherweight champ Jae-Yong Hwang, 125½, showed a lackluster performance, but kept his title by taking a majority decision from Filipino Rudy Cabilles, 124½, in 12. Scoring: referee Kwang-Soo Lee and judge Sung-Koo Kang, both of Korea, 116-115 and 117-115, both for the defending champ, and Metrob (Philippines) 118-118. Hwang is 19-1 with four kayoes. He is rated eighth by the WBA. The loser fell to 11-4-8 with four stoppages.

Korean lightweight champ Tae-Yong Koh, 135, lost his national throne to Bong-Chun Park, also 135, via an upset decision in 10. Bong-Chun, a new champion, has a very mediocre record of 8-9-6 with two KOs. Koh fell to 12-2-3 with seven KOs.
Promoter: Dongil Promotions.
(5-10-87)

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PHILIPPINES

▶MALABON, METRO MANILA—Del Monte Cockpit—Pretty Boy Lucas, 108, was given a technical decision over Boy Selda, 107, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Jun Altarejos, ranked second by the GAB (Games and Amusements Board of the Philippines), 109½, pounded out a unanimous decision over Pinoy Igor, 110, in 10.
Promoter: Ramon Dionisio.
(3-6-87)

▶NASIPIT, AGUSAN DEL NORTE—Nasipit Gym—Young Abaloyan, 126, won a unanimous decision over Little Campo, also 126, in 10. Jimmy Butalid refereed.

Ric Dolotallas, the GAB's #7 junior welterweight, 139, chalked up a TKO victory over Leo Sabanal, 136, in the second session in 10.

Noel Toledo, 122, was a unanimous points winner over Nestor Baino, also 122, in 10.

Jover Cubillas, 105, decisioned Cris Sanchez, also 105, in 10.

Joseph Galagaran, 112, the GAB's #10 junior flyweight, was held to a majority draw by Terry Felisilda, also 112, in 10.

Joel Castrodes, 118, won from Ronnie Tan, 117, in six.

Nelson Duran, 108, impressively knocked out Jessie Balista, 110, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Jun Buticario, 112, won over Adonis Lansaderas, also 112, in six.
GAB's witness: Julio B. Caldoza.
Promoter. Estrella Ochida.
(3-7-87)

▶DATU—Datu Complex—Fernando Carupo, the GAB's #5 junior featherweight, 120½, fought to a split draw with Kid Tavera, 121½, in 10. Satur Yongco refereed.
Promoter: T. Perote.
GAB's witness: Romeo Fordaliza & Estanislao Binondo.
(3-7-87)

▶NORALA, SOUTH COTABATO—Gilbert Albay, the GAB's #10 bantamweight, 118, impressively TKO'd Pepito Simblante, 119, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. The referee De Leon stopped the lopsided affair.

Promise Sabu, 118, took a unanimous verdict from Ruel Dombingo, also 118, in 10.
Promoter: Carmelino Buenaflor.
(3-8-87)

▶MATI, DAVAO ORIENTAL—Boy Ligas, Filipino third-ranked lightie, 130, battled to a majority draw with veteran Nick Caputol, also 130, in 10.

Young Rey, 118, outpointed Johnny Ebo, 112, in 10.
Promoter: Rolando Ligas.
GAB's witness: Jaime Mata.
(3-14-87)

▶GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Dadoy Andujar, 116, scored a seventh-round TKO over old soldier Ric Barimbad, 114, in a scheduled 10. Sergeant Siassico refereed.

Rey Paciones, 116, TKO'd Mike Potalin, 114, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Mario Sumalinag, 124, outpointed Nelson Yacapin, 124, in 10.

Allan Morre, 112, won from Ed Adame, 112, by a majority decision in 10.

Nelson Purisima, 112, TKO'd Arnold Espanola, also 112, in the third session of a scheduled 10.

Joe Apurado, 118, decisioned Rey Ramos, also 118, in eight.
Promoter: Benjamin Aguirre.
GAB's witness: Rudy Javier & Estanislao Binondo.
(3-14-87)

▶VALENCIA, BUKIDONON—Having failed to win the OPBF junior flyweight title via hairline verdicts to Korean Cho-Woon Park on January 11 and April 12 of 1985, Little Baguio lost his Filipino throne to Tacy Macalos by an eighth-round TKO on October 30 last.

Baguio, since then, moved up to the flyweight division. Baguio, now ranked fifth by the GAB, 110, showed his ring experience in copping a unanimous decision over Flash Marino, 111, in 10. Jimmy Butalid refereed.

William Belan, 103, the GAB's #2 junior flyweight, stopped Jun Medina, 104, in a scheduled 10. His punch to the eye caused the medical halt.
Promoter: Isabelo Bacolod.
GAB's witness: Julio B. Caldoza.
(3-14-87)

▶CEBU—Cebu Coliseum—Jojo Cayson, the GAB's top-ranked featherweight, 124¼, outscored Flash Albert, 126¼, in 10.

Ray "Tarosa" Gogonon, 116, TKO'd Zaldy Baguio, also 116, at 2:47 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Armand Ramos, 123¼, won a unanimous decision over Celso "Boy" Arregio, 123¼, in 10.

Arnulfo Melencion, 117, drew with Tony Larador, 116¾, in 10.
Promoter: Calixto Serreno, Jr.
GAB's witnesses: Aproniano Plenos & Perfecto Pangilinan.
(3-14-87)

▶GUINDULMAN, BOHOL—Poker Peligrino, 124, defeated Frank "Ace" Domino, 125, by a unanimous decision in 10. Tommy Simbajon refereed.

Dodong Virbubazo, 126, was also a unanimous points victor over Marl Lloren, 127, in 10.
Promoter: Frany Lee.
GAB's witness: Renaldo O. Galarpe.
(3-14-87)

▶QUEZON CITY—Oseph Saljob, 112, unanimously decisioned Eddie "Boy" Ordonio, 114, in six.

David John, 122, knocked out Ronnie Canelas, 120, in the second round of a scheduled six.
Promoter: Claudio Petalbo.
GAB's witnesses: Vedasto Adriano & Ricky F. Paulino.
(3-15-87)

▶CAMIGUIA PROVINCE—Richard Acaylar, 110, drew with Fernando Baja, also 110, in six. Jiji Javien, 119, won a unanimous duke over Jimmy Kid, 116¾, in 10. Ric Alido refereed.
Promoter: Ben Ebale
(3-15-87)

▶MARIANO MARCOS, SULTAN KUDARAT—Former Filipino junior bantam champ Ruben de la Cruz, 115, proved too ringwise for Gilbert Albay, 118, taking a majority decision in 10.

Tim Balantay, 114, outpointed Melchor Ardonia, 116, in 10.

The first tenner saw Roy Pollard, 118, beat Promise Sabu, 118, on points.
Promoter: Carmelino Buenaflor.
(3-16-87)

▶PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex—Tiger Ari, the GAB's eighth-ranked featherweight, 124½, fought to a split draw with John Matienza, 123, in 10. Onofre Perez refereed.

Danilo Contado, 130½, took a unanimous decision from Fighting Arikawa, the GAB's #10 feather, 130, in 10.

Billy Endrina, 117, outscored Rod Naiconi, 114½, in 10.

Roger Pilapil, 117½, earned a majority decision over Lito Villaflor, 114, in 10.

Ador Unesto, 125½, eked out a split decision over Rodrigo Altarejos, 122, in eight.

Nardo Gramatica, 123, won a majority nod over Fer Udtuhan, 122, in six.

Edwin Mora, 107½, TKO'd Boy Kid Emilia, 109, at 0:52 of the sixth and final round.
Promoter: Laura S. Elorde.
GAB's witnesses: Carlos Roman & Rey Lapena.
(3-18-87)

▶SALAY, MISAMIS OR.—Jun Placencia, 126, scored a unanimous decision over Victor Sagaad, 126, in 10. Jimmy Galarpe refereed.

Jun Acobo, 120, won a split duke over Jun Tinoy, 120, in six.
Promoter: Ben Ebale.
(3-19-87)

▶PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex—Gilbert George, Filipino #4 featherweight, 125, won a unanimous decision over Momong Manaay, 126½, in 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Roger Pilapil, 118, tabbed a TKO win over Lorenzo Pormanes, 118, in the sixth canto of the semifinal 10.
Promoter: Laura S. Elorde.
GAB's witnesses: Carlos Dizon & Vedasto Adriano.
(3-25-87)

▶MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—Lion Collins Chavez, the GAB's top junior featherweight contender, 121, showed his aggressiveness in taking a unanimous decision over Rudy Casicas, 121½, in 10.

Casicas was the upset winner that halted the current IBF world champ Seung-Hoon Lee by a punch to the eye in the previous year in Korea—a la Duan Thomas over John Mugabi. Casicas had a crack at the then IBF champ Ji-Won Kim's title only to be knocked out in two rounds on June 1 last.

Elmer Leonardo, Filipino #2 lightie, 137, unanimously decisioned veteran Nilo Acido, 136½, in 10.

Ademar Amad, 113, was awarded a technical decision over Ellyser Bautista, 112, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Wilson Apurado, 114, knocked out Ernie Sumalis, 114½, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight.

This country severely distinguishes a knockout from a technical knockout. Without the referee tolling the fatal 10, any stoppage is recorded as a TKO.
(3-27-87)

▶AURORA, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR—Mac Espanola, the GAB's #8 junior featherweight, and Jun Gavero, both 122, fought to a unanimous draw in 10. Young Fely refereed.

Jun Edward, 113, also drew with Jun Terregosa, 113, in 10.
Promoter: Reynaldo Yabut.
GAB's witness: Reynaldo O. Galarpe.
(3-28-87)

▶BAGUIO CITY—Baguio College Foundation Gym—Sammy Baculong, Filipino top flyweight contender, 113, pounded out a unanimous decision over Rolando Navarrez, also 113, in 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Bernabe Aliping, 130, defeated former Filipino bantamweight and featherweight champ Ronaldo Sumalis, 130, in 10.

Elmer Pendog, 136, TKO'd Gary Milanes, 135, at 2:48 of the 10th and final round.

Albert Saxon, 134, won a unanimous decision over Rocky "Ari" Rota, 134, in 10.

Joe Badongen, 128, outscored Aki Caparuso, 125, in eight.
Promoter: Gary Kiwang.
GAB's witnesses: Rodrigo Perez & Ricky F. Paulino.
(3-28-87)

▶CEBU—Bogo Amusements Center—Erwin "Joe" Guevarra, the GAB's #7 junior featherweight, 123, took a unanimous decision over Celso Areglo, 119¾, in 10. Engineer L. Babiera Jr. refereed.

Promoter: Atty. Luciano Babiera Sr.
GAB's witness: L.R. Angel.
(3-28-87)

▶CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Gold City Coliseum—Sonny Vidal, Filipino top-ranked junior flyweight, 109, showed his sharpness and won a unanimous decision over Esar de la Cruz, 110, in 10. Dante Busanos refereed.

Cecilio Tutor, 113, was awarded a technical decision over ex-Filipino champ Little Baguio, 112, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. An accidental collision of heads caused the ringside physician to stop the fight. Summing up the scores decided Tuto to be a winner unanimously.

Noel Toledo, 134, amazed the crowd as he made short work of Sugar Rey Gallana, 121, knocking him out at 2:15 of the first session in a scheduled 10.

Joselito Castro, 108, won from Dan Mapalad, 106, in 10.
Promoter: Joseph Denosta.
GAB's witness: Julio B. Caldoza.
(3-28-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

THAILAND

▶BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Dangnuen Kiat R.D., Thai Commission's top-ranked bantamweight, 122, defeated Eak Donjadee, the #3 bantie, 123, by a unanimous decision in six. Dangnuen is 16-6 with six kayoes.
(4-2-87)

▶BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Charn Sithcharnsak, the TBC's third-ranked flyweight, 112, disposed of Win Laosinchai, a newcomer at 113, in the fifth round of a scheduled six. Charn ran his log to 10-0 with nine KOs.
(4-3-87)

▶BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Having been demolished by Raul Valdez in his quest for the junior WBC bantamweight championship last December, Rocky Chitalada, the TBC's #6 contender, 120, eked out a split duke over Seksan Sakdijarurat, 125, in six.
(4-4-87)

▶PATTAYA BEACH—Grand Palace Hotel—Unbeaten lefty Kaokor Galaxy, the twin brother of the WBA junior bantamweight champ Kaosai, stopped Korean Yong-Man Cha, 119, in the sixth session of a scheduled 10. It was a onesided fight before Cha's cornerman tossed in the towel. Kaokor, Thai bantam kingpin, is still unbeaten with a record of 12-0 including nine kayoes. He is ranked seventh by the WBA, aiming to have a crack at the throne now held by Japanese Takuya Muguruma.
(4-5-87)

▶BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Chiab Kiat muangtang, the TBC's #5 mini flyweight, 105, unanimously decisioned Ded Donjadee, 105, in six.
(4-6-87)

▶BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Thai featherweight kingpin Jimmy Sithpaidang, 126, successfully kept his crown by stopping Ayuthanya Sithphakamron, ex-titlist at 125½, in the sixth session of a scheduled 10. Jimmy is 7-2 with four kayoes.
(4-8-87)

▶BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Downrung Tech nicutaradit, the TBC's top flyweight contender, 112, failed to acquire the vacant Thai title as he lost a close, but unanimous decision (double 97-96 and 96-95) to Petchainat Donjadee, 111, in 10.

Petchainat, 20-10 with 10 kayoes, had suffered kayoes by the WBA's top-ranked flyweight Rae-Ki Ahn in Korea and by Edel Geronimo in the Philippines last year. He was an underdog, but he outpunched the favored Downrung convincingly.
(4-9-87)

▶BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Rungdej Thanakorn, Thai #2 junior feather, 127, eventually stopped Vinai S. Savad, 126, in the sixth and final round. Rungdej is 9-5-2 with nine kayoes.
(4-11-87)

▶BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Samuth Sithnarupol, the OPBF mini flyweight champ, 108, engaged in a tuneup go and disposed of Thanjai Kiatthavatchai, the TBC's #3 contender, 108½, in the third canto of a scheduled six. Samuth is 27-11 with 14 kayoes.
(4-12-87)

▶BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Den Sorthanikul, the TBC's #6 mini flyweight contender, 107, took a unanimous nod over Lunsamuth Kiatkriengkrai, 108, in six.
(4-13-87)

▶BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Having been kayoed by Prayunsak Muangsurin a year ago, Songkiatnoi Chorchutirat was inactive since. Songkiatnoi, 118, made a comeback, but proved too slow for a newcomer named San N.T. Chor, also 118, losing a unanimous decision in six. San looked promising.
(4-14-87)

▶BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Yuenyong Sithprason, formerly rated by the WBA, 114, lost his previous rhythm after a bad kayo by Filipino lefty Frank Cedeno in 1985, but he caught Vatanasak Sahtiragym, also 114, and finished him in the fourth canto in a scheduled six.

Yuenyong, an unsophisticated power puncher, is 15-5 with 14 kayoes.
(4-15-87)

▶BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Four months after his shocking kayo by Kaokor Galaxy, Thai junior bantamweight champ Singnoi Singkrungthon, 119, made a comeback and managed to win a decision over Rakchai Kiatsonthaya, 118, in six. Singnoi is 23-7-1 with 10 knockouts.
(4-16-87)

▶BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Sombutryod Sing samang, the TBC's fifth-ranked bantamweight, 121, proved aggressive enough to outscore Singsayarm Sorphayathai, ex-Air Force titlist, 124, in six. Sombutryod is 23-7 with 10 kayoes.
(4-17-87)

▶BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Noree Jockygym, the TBC's #2 bantie, 118, easily stopped Artit S. Sukanyanoi, also

118, in the second round of a scheduled six. Noree is 17-4 with eight KOs.
(4-20-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Charn Sithcharnsak, a previously unbeaten flyweight prospect, 110, lost an upset decision to Mai Thonburifarm, the TBC's top mini flyweight contender, 107, and tasted his first bitter defeat in six. Mai is 8-1 with three kayoes. Charn fell to 10-1 with nine KOs.
(4-21-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Chatmongkol Thairungraung, a veteran at 113, appeared in the ring after a long layoff and demolished Kumarnthong Boonsert, 112, in the fifth canto of a scheduled six.

The winner floored the loser twice in the third and fatal sessions.
(4-23-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Rocky Chitlada, a deaf and mute KO puncher, 120, was unable to catch fast and elusive Thamil Sithseemok, the TBC's second-ranked junior bantam, also 120, losing a unanimous decision in six. Rocky sustained a gash over the right eye, and the blood might have bothered his revenging attacks. Thamil kept jabbing and moving away and piled up points steadily.

Thamil is 11-4 with four kayoes. Rocky fell to 15-2 with 14 KOs.
(4-24-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Another upset was seen as Thongthong Chorsuenanan, the TBC's #6 junior flyweight, 109, dropped a decision to old soldier Petnarong Petchkasem, 111, in six.
(4-26-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai junior flyweight champ Putt Ohyuthanakorn, 106, easily took a unanimous decision from Ded Donjadee, the TBC's #8 mini flyweight, 107, in eight. Putt's title wasn't at stake. It is rare that a non-title eight-rounder is fought in Thailand. This country usually sees six-round international-style fights, and only Thai national title bouts and matches between top Thai boys and foreign fighters are fought in 10 rounds.

The international-style battles are less popular than Muay-Thai (kick boxing) fights among fans.
(4-29-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Derntup Mortemchamnan, Thai #2 mini flyweight at 112, proved too powerful for unheralded and unknown Prabsing Kiattisakpohthong, 110, polishing him off in the first minute of the opening canto in a scheduled six.

We cannot necessarily call a short affair "mismatch" as some lucky punch can produce a quick finish. However, this fight was truly a mismatch.
(4-30-87)

▶**NOTES**—As this reporter wrote in the previous month, an OPBF junior featherweight title bout took place on March 24 in Bangkok. Despite suffering a couple of knockdowns, the defending champ Prayunsak Muangsurin was awarded a TKO win over Korean challenger Hi-Yun Chung midway in the seventh round when the latter suffered an accidental cut.

As the referee stopped the proceedings and had the gash examined by the ringside doctor, Thai adherents rushed into the squared circle and raised Prayunsak's hand arbitrarily.

Frank Quill, the OPBF president, and his secretary general Bryan Membrey studied the tape in Australia that was brought by Chung's manager Chong-Young Park to Melbourne to protest against the verdict. Gamely and admirably enough, Frank and Bryan officially announced that Chung should be awarded the championship—with the referee's statement in evidence. At the point of the controversial stoppage, Chung was ahead on points on all scoresheets. Now it's Chung's win by a technical decision. However, the OPBF headquarters showed generosity to the dethroned Prayunsak by listing him as the No. 1 contender and recommending a rematch.

JOE KOIZUMI

PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

▶**PERTH—Function Centre**—Tony Jones, 138½, of Australia defended his "WBC junior super lightweight title" against fellow Aussie Wilf Gentzen, 139, and ruined Gentzen's record with a superb left hook in Round Seven.

Gentzen was ahead at the time, but knockouts obliterate points and Jones landed one of those fast left hooks that you miss if you blink.

In the 10-round main support, Brad Mogeridge, 146½, outpointed Riccardo Monteleone, 144½, to take the vacant Western Australian state welterweight title in a good fight.

Over eight rounds, Matthew Smith, 145½, outpointed Lorne Lehman, 145½.

Over six, Greg Read, 126, beat Colin Capelli, 130¼, on a foul in Round Two. Both fighters and referee Tony O'Brien went to the floor. While there, Capelli punched Read which led to instant disqualification.

In a four-rounder, Dean Colbung, 123½, outpointed Paul Rush, 134½.

Referees: Malcolm Bulner, Billy Males & O'Brien.
Judges: Males & Russ Menadue.
(4-10-87)

VICTORIA

▶**MORWELL—Tower Gardens Reception Centre**—Robbie Nava, 146¼, of Victoria met Young Walker, 145½, of NSW in the main scheduled for 10 rounds. It ended in Round Two with referee Tony Parisi counting out Walker at 2:13.

Tony Marretta, 132, drew with Pat Mudford, 132½, over eight.

In a six-rounder, Rodney Bowman, 128, halted Doug Dixon, 125, in Round Three, referee Chris Anderson rescuing Dixon as the towel came in at 34 seconds. Dixon was making a comeback after being inactive eight years.

In a three-rounder, Bruce Gooding, 198½, knocked out Mark Pudney, 180¾, in two.
(4-10-87)

▶**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—Former IBF junior lightweight champion Lester Ellis, 134¼, won the Australian lightweight title with a resounding stoppage of defending champion Dale Artango, 134½, in Round Six.

Keep your eye on Ellis. He definitely is world class, as he proved, dominating Artango all the way. After Artango was down for his fourth count, referee John Wheeler called it off.

Dave Russell, 189½, former heavyweight champion of Australia, won the national cruiserweight title with a second-round KO of defending champion Kevin Wagstaff, 179¾, who was also defending the OPBF title. Wagstaff was floored in Round One, but seconds later he decked Russell. In Round Two, Russell suffered a cut eye and cut loose to deck Wagstaff. Referee Malcolm Bulner stopped the bout at 2:19 to save Wagstaff from absorbing further punishment.

Each Australian title tilt was scheduled for 12 rounds.

Over 10 rounds, Queenslander Graeme Looker, 147¾, outpointed Robbie Nava, 146½, winning clearly by scores of 100-92, 99-94 and 98-93. Looker won, but had to earn his points.

In an eight-rounder, Paul Delosa, 142½, outpointed Brian Butler, 149½, in a good fight. The scores: 79-73, 77-74 and 78-75.

Referees: John Wheeler, Malcolm Bulner, Jim Boland & Chris Anderson.
Judges: Tony Parisi, Pauline Steinman & Chris Anderson.
(4-30-87)

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**CRONULLA—Labour & Workingmen's Club**—Billy Duluth, 115¾, outpointed Al Whitten, 114¾, in a good, eight-round contest that received a shower of notes and coins from ringsiders. The decision was clear, but not easy.

Another eight-rounder saw state flyweight champion Peter Mitrevski, 117¾, halt Neil Garland, 118, of the state of Queensland in Round Four. It was a good fight until Mitrevski baled up Garland in a corner and punished him, forcing referee Ray Wheatley to stop the bout.

Over four rounds, Robert Ngawaka, 152¼, outpointed Sean Parker, 142¼, for a clear win.

Referees: Billy Males & Wheatley.
(4-17-87)

RAY MITCHELL

NEW ZEALAND

▶**AUCKLAND—Manuakau Rugby League Club**—Alberto Mah Chong, 144, scored an eight-round, majority decision over Paul Ioelu, 142½.

Both fought hard and punched crisply, but overall it was the switch-hitting Mah Chong who was the stronger. He badly dazed Ioelu in the early moments of both the third and fifth rounds, though Ioelu fought back with right counters and had Mah Chong hurt at the end of the latter round. Mah Chong regained the initiative in the sixth, though he was given an argument by the obstinate Ioelu the rest of the way.

The semifinal featured former gym mates Frank Maiava, 177, and Pilu Taito, 167. There was little love lost in this six-rounder, which saw Taito win by knockout in the fourth. Both punched crisply and hard, but Taito was usually first, dropping Maiava in Round Three. In the fourth, Taito patiently sought openings until he landed a combination that put Maiava down for the count.

The opener was a four-rounder between colorful Mua Tuliulu, 168½, and Temua Anae, 169¾. Anae bitterly contested the final stanza, but Tuliulu looked a good winner with a better variety of punches, though he too had to settle for having his arm raised as a majority points winner.

Promoter: Ringside Promotions.
Referees: Eddie Manuela, Johnny Hanks & Ali Afakasi.
Attendance: 100.
(4-15-87)

▶**AUCKLAND—Hyatt Kingsgate Centre**—Chicago's Harlean "The Hammer" Holden fought for the vacant Pan Pacific middleweight title over 10 rounds, opposing Australian Paul Toweel, who quickly set the pattern of the bout with his hustling and bustling aggression. Holden possibly shared the opening round and took the second with countering tactics, but thereafter Toweel took complete control as winging punches to the head and constant flurries throughout had the American bewildered and somewhat frustrated. Toweel finished strongly, looking for a stoppage victory in the final stanza. The judges were unanimous in their decision for Toweel in a bout refereed by Adolph Johannsen.

New Caledonian Watemoa Tomasi just couldn't catch up with New Zealand-based Fijian Asea Nama, who cagily boxed on the move throughout their eight-rounder. Referee Eddie Manuela several times had to separate them from clinches where Nama sought respite whenever Tomasi tried to mount any sustained attacks. Nama won a unanimous points decision.

Lgbani Yavala opposed another local NZ'er in Mua Taliulu in a six-rounder. Taliulu showed more fire and ambition throughout

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to win a unanimous points verdict. Referee was Ali Afakasi.

Opening bout on this card was a scheduled six-rounder between New Zealand's Alberto Ma Chong and plucky Fijian Yenta Gounda. Both freely exchanged punches, but eventually the weight difference combined with stinging body blows saw Gounda wilt to the canvas in Round Four and referee Johnny Hanks counted him out.

Promoter: Shamrock Promotions.

Attendance: 900.

(5-11-87)

JOHNNY HANKS

AFRICA

IVORY COAST

▶**ABIDJAN**—Light heavyweight Jose Seys was declared victorious in the third round when Jean Marie Emebe was disqualified for fouling.

(4-25-87)

SOUTH AFRICA

▶**PORT ELIZABETH**—South African junior welterweight champion Phumzile Madikane had to work hard to outpoint former lightweight champion Job Sisanga over eight rounds.

Both fighters displayed good boxing, but the cleaner and crisper punching of Madikane earned him the decision.

Brown Bongo became the new Cape welterweight champion after beating Khalipile Baskiti over 10 rounds.

Philip Mamparta beat Phiri Pheli on a TKO in the sixth round in their junior middleweight clash.

▶**MDANTSANE**—Mxhosana Jongilanga successfully defended his South African featherweight title for the second time when he knocked out Zweli Ngcongolo in seven rounds.

Ngcongolo, who holds the South African junior featherweight title, managed to catch the champion with some big right hands, but it was a determined Jongilanga who survived the war as each gave everything he had until a left-right combination landed flush on Ngcongolo's jaw to drop him for the full count.

After, Jongilanga said, "He gave me a harder fight than many of my other opponents. He refused to go down even though I hit him with every punch."

▶**MDANTSANE**—Mveleli Luzipho, the former South African junior flyweight champion coming in as a flyweight, knocked out Martin Nkonkoto in two rounds.

A short right hook ended the one-sided affair.

In the main supporting bout, Mzwandile Ncita continued to impress when he beat Tembile Lubisi on points over six rounds in a bantamweight clash.

Skumbuzo Nyakati upset Mqondisi Ntshinka, stopping him in the third round of their featherweight bout.

▶**ELDORADO PARK**—Surviving a second-round knockdown, Gerhard Botes came back to stop Bobby Chisale in the eighth to win the vacant Transvaal junior middleweight title.

Bushy Mosoeu, former South African lightweight champ fighting in the junior lightweight division, came back from a shaky start to stop Gerald Isaacs in the seventh of a scheduled 10.

(4-12-87)

▶**CAPE TOWN**—Chris Whiteboy looked impressive with a six-round TKO victory over Phillip Lixon in a lightweight clash.

Whiteboy showed some of the flash he displayed when he reigned as national lightweight champion.

RON JACKSON

GUYANA

▶**GEORGETOWN**—Michael Benjamin scored a fifth-round TKO over Gordon Carew, the sixth stoppage in Benjamin's 7-0 record.

Benjamin nearly established a record knockout, staggering Carew with a right hand with just seconds gone in the scheduled 10. Carew fell on the ropes, which saved him from going down, then held on tenaciously.

Rawle Frank scored a unanimous, 10-round decision over Nedrey Simmonds. Frank's aggressiveness made the difference in a close contest.

Linden Profitt, looking like a loser, rallied to knock out Winston Goodridge in the fifth of a scheduled eight.

Another scheduled eight ended in the second round, Patrick Farley winning by KO over Rockford Abrams.

Gordon Trotman scored a unanimous, six-round decision over Ramesh Best.

Another six ended early when Carlton Griffith stopped Malcolm Darson in the third.

The opening four-rounder saw Orin "Apple" Moore win by unanimous decision over Winston Richards.

(5-10-87)

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4. Miguel Mercedes (Dominican Republic)
5. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
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11. Jimmy Fernandez (Mexico)
12. Hideaki Kamishiro (Japan)
13. Rafael Cabrera (Dominican Republic)
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16. Leopard Tamakuma (Japan)
17. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
18. Thanomsak Simbaobay (Thailand)
19. Bi-Won Chung (Korea)
20. Shuichi Hozumi (Japan)
20. Koji Nishikawa (Japan)
21. Leopard Tamakuma (Japan)
22. Nana Konadu (Ghana)
23. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
24. Claudemir Dias (Brazil)
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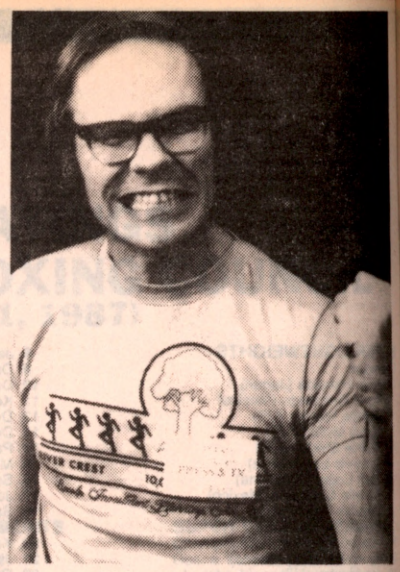

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VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

by Charlie Spina

WHENEVER MENTION IS MADE OF fistic families, the father and son duo of Teddy Hubbs and Bobby Ruffin is sure to be remembered. While there have been other father and son teams in boxing, few measured up to Bobby and his father.

Teddy was a top-notch lightweight during the early 20s who reportedly had close to 300 ring battles. He fought a 10-round "no-decision" bout with Benny Leonard and beat Frankie Fleming and Joe Shugrue, both of whom scored knockouts over Leonard. Other notable men Hubbs fought were "Irish" Patsy Kline, Georgie Kirkwood and Tommy Houch ... all great fighters of their day.

Bobby started his career at the age of 15 and after a few amateur bouts, turned pro. Because the state of New York would not allow 16-year-olds to box pro, Ruffin made his professional debut in Passaic, New Jersey, winning a four-round decision over Paddy O'Connor, February 24, 1938.

After a string of four- and six-round victories, he began to box main events. Ruffin was a 5 to 1 underdog against Allie Stolz, but he fooled the so-called experts, trouncing Allie and winning seven out of eight rounds.

Though he was both clever and fast in the ring, Ruffin was also very aggressive and owned a crisp punch. He held his own against the best of his era, fighting the likes of Sal Bartolo, Mike Belloise, Richie Lemos, Chalky Wright (all featherweight champions), Ike Williams, Sammy Angott, Bob Montgomery and Beau Jack (all lightweight champs).

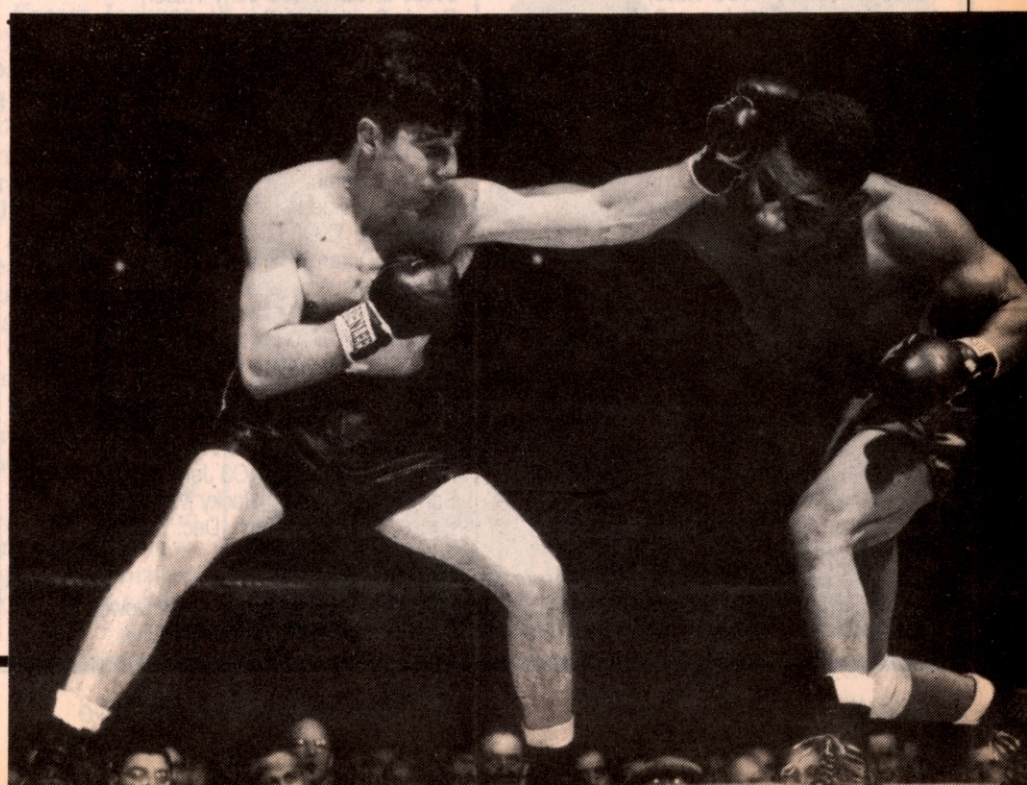
Oddly enough, though he was a championship calibre fighter in his heyday, Ruffin only got one crack at a title. That came in May of 1940 when he fought Jimmy Perrin for the Louisiana state version of the world featherweight championship. The 15-round bout with Perrin was Bobby's first experience beyond eight rounds. Though he lost a close decision, Bobby's strong showing paved the way for other bouts in New Orleans, including a 17th-round kayo over Bobby McIntyre in a scheduled 20-rounder.

Eventually, Ruffin became a big favorite at Madison Square Garden, thrilling fans in his bouts with Angott, Jack and Tippy Larkin. He also fought a great three-bout series with Johnny Grecco.

After he retired from active combat, Ruffin tried various occupations. He was a salesman, nightclub entertainer, wrestling promoter, fight manager, post office worker, and finally, a security guard. Today, he is retired and looking to resume managing and/or training professional boxers. Ruffin can be contacted at: 225 Commonwealth Street, Franklin Square, New York 11010.

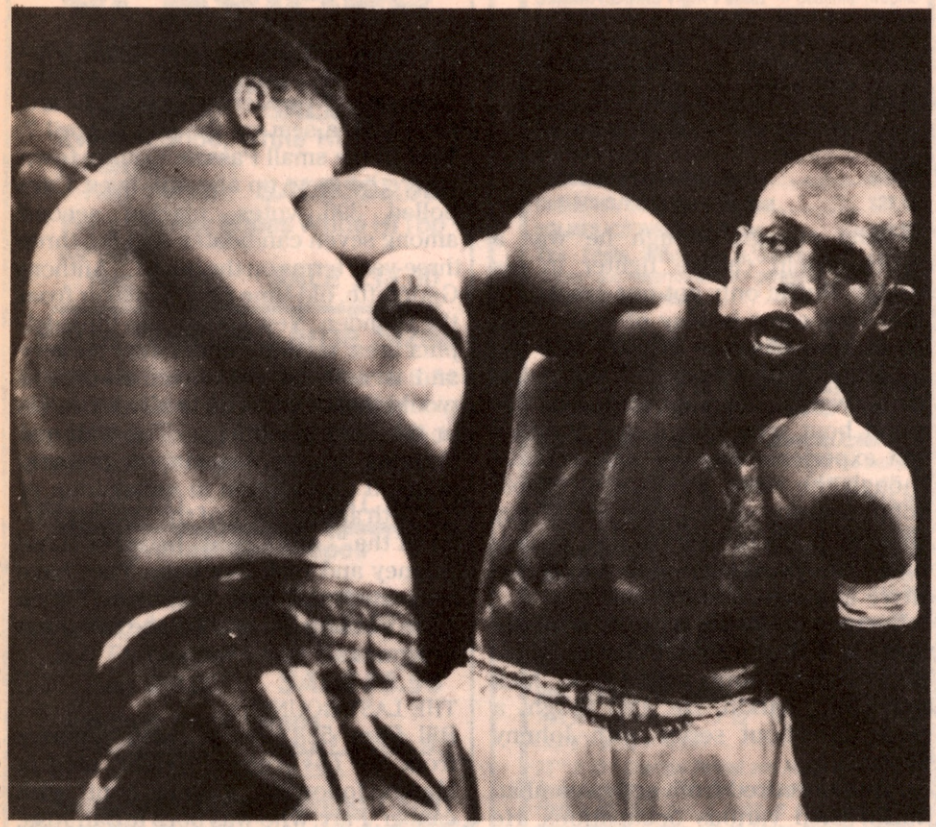
VETERAN BOXERS NOTES:
IBF light heavyweight boss Bobby Czyz has a new title—member of the Wanaque, New Jersey school board. Czyz won a seat on the board April 7, 1987 in the small Passaic County town where he grew up and still lives. Czyz polled 396 votes, placing second among seven candidates seeking three three-year terms on the board ... Anthony Georgette, old-time fight manager from the Camden, New Jersey and Philadelphia area, recently underwent surgery and is now on the mend. Georgette would like to say hello to all his friends in the boxing world ... The National Veteran Boxers Association recently adopted a resolution in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the famous battle of the "Long Count" between Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey. They have requested that the U.S. Post Office issue a stamp honoring these two great boxers ...

THE LAST ROUND:
Bill Farr, 52, veteran news reporter from the *Los Angeles Times*, died in March following a long bout with cancer. Farr, who was born in San Jose, California, served a hitch in the U.S. Marine Corps where he earned a spot on the boxing team and was also good enough to also compete in the Golden Gloves. Rest In Peace, Bill. □



Bobby Ruffin (left) lands a left to the ear of Beau Jack during their 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden in 1943. Ruffin upset the 6 to 1 odds to win a decision over the former lightweight champ.

WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS



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Undefeated heavyweight Michael Williams tears into Rufus Hadley en route to a 10-round decision.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Mike Tyson KO6 Pinklon Thomas
(Retained WBA & WBC Titles)
Tony Tucker TKO10 James Douglas
(Won IBF Title)
Horace Notice TKO5 Dave Garside
Angelo Musone KO7 Leon Spinks
Mike Williams W10 Rufus Hadley
Freddie Rafferty KO7 Piet Crous
Jose Ribalta W10 Mark Young
Greg Page W10 James Broad
Tony Tubbs W10 Jerry Halstead
Earnie Shavers KO2 Larry Simms
Dave Russell KO2 Kevin Wagstaff
Evander Holyfield TKO3 Rickey Parkey
(Won IBF Cruiserweight Title)
Ossie Ocasio W10 Dwight Muhammad Qawi
Tee Jay TKO1 Roy Smith
Donovan Ruddock TKO5 Robbie Evans
Michael Greer W12 Johnny Davis
Rocky Sekorski W10 Walter Santemore
Scott Frank KO1 Stan Johnson
Orlin Norris W10 Gary Lightbourne

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Leslie Stewart TKO8 Marvin Johnson
(Won WBA Title)
Don Lalonde W12 Mustafa Hamsho
Blain Logsden KO2 Slobodan Kacar
Jesse Shelby TKO2 Tony Wilson
Randy Smith W10 Pee Wee Boger
Lenny LaPaglia TKO1 Marvin Mack
John Moore W10 Knox Brown
Jose Seys DQ4 Jean Marie Emebe

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Sumbu Kalambay W10 Herol Graham
Michael Olajide W10 Troy Darrell
Frank Tate TKO6 Mark McPherson
Roberto Duran W10 Victor Claudio
Alex Ramos W10 Charles Carter
Troy Waters TKO7 Dwain Lockman
Paul Toweel W10 Harlean Holden
Darrin Van Horn W10 Elio Diaz
Gianfranco Rossi TKO2 Emilio Sole Ruiz
Matthew Hilton TKO2 Muhammad Eltassi
Stacy McSwain W10 Kenny Snow
Sanderline Williams KO3 Jerome Kelly
Sammy Storey W10 Rocky McGran
Bobby Joe Young Tech. Dec. 7 David Noel

WELTERWEIGHTS

Kirkland Laing TKO1 Marvin McDowell
Harold Volbrecht TKO1 David Silva
Roger Mayweather TKO4 Frankie Davis
Saoul Mamby TKO8 Angel Quinones
Tony McKenzie TKO3 David Griffiths
Graeme Looker W10 Robbie Nava
Angel Cruz KO1 Jose Rivera
Sylverster Kennon TKO4 Guadalupe Galvin
Jesse Lopez W10 Filiberto Rosas
Marvin Garris W10 Joe Belinc
Greg Dickson TKO2 Darryl Fuller
Cassius Clay Horne TKO1 Sergio Zambrano
Young Dick Tiger W12 Manning Galloway
Johnny Johnson W10 Miguel Narvaez
Richard Pelen W10 Sugar Rey Adonis
Tommy Ayers KO3 Angel Ortiz

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Rocky Lockridge KO7 Dennis Cruz
Brian Mitchell TKO2 Aurelio Benitez
Lester Ellis TKO6 Dale Artango
Salvatore Curcetti TKO1 Daniel Londas
Alex Dickson W12 Fernando Blanco
Lupe Suarez TKO9 John John Molina
Ian McLeod W10 Andy Williams
Terrence Alli TKO9 Rodney Moore
Hang Park W10 Luis Milado
Jose Luis Ramirez TKO7 Roger Brown
Anthony English TKO6 Raphe Sims
Lenny Valdez W10 Alberto Mercado
Ramon Marchene W12 Greg Puente
Keely Thompson W10 Richard Campbell
Ernie Landeros W12 Larry Villareal
Tony Lopez TKO10 Pedro Nolasco

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Jaime Garza W10 Baby Joe Ruelaz
Tony Pep W12 Serge Cusson
Jeff Fenech KO4 Samart Payakaroon
(Won WBC Super Bantamweight Title)
Jim McDonnell TKO1 Samuel O'Near
Loris Stecca W8 Jose Gonzalez
Carlos Zarate TKO5 John Boyd
Mike Ayala KO2 Raul Lopez
Tyrone Downes KO6 Roy Ackway
Ramiro Rodriguez W10 Moy Martinez
Jesse Benevides TKO5 Hector Cortez

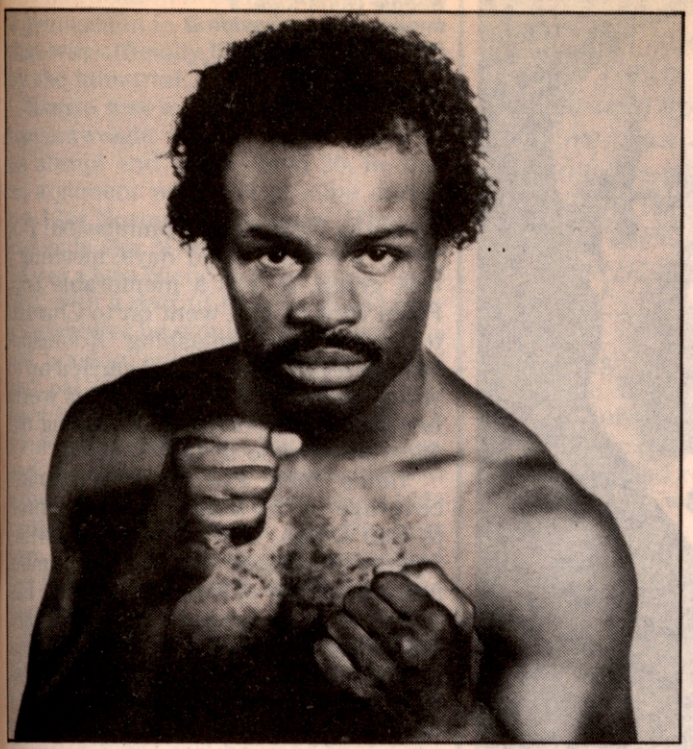
BANTAMWEIGHTS

Louis Gomis W12 Antoine Montero
Santos Laciar TKO11 Gilberto Roman
(Won WBC Super Flyweight Title)
Kelvin Seabrooks KO5 Miguel Maturana
(Won IBF Title)
Roman Medel W10 Richard Abila
Gaby Canizales W10 Julio Blanco
Chan-Young Park TKO11 Takuya Muguruma
(Won WBA Title)
Jimmy Navarro TKO2 Timo Villanueva

FLYWEIGHTS

Richard Clarke W12 Jimmy Fernandez
Jose De Jesus W10 Jose Ruiz

BOXER SHORTS

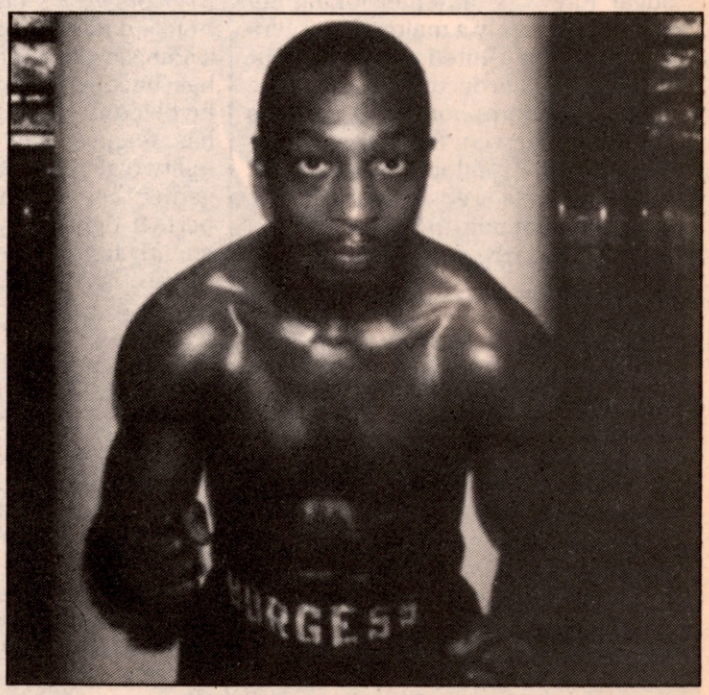


TONY THORNTON MIDDLEWEIGHT

THE WORLD CAN ALWAYS USE ANOTHER UNDEFEATED middleweight prospect and that's exactly what we have in Glassboro, New Jersey's Tony Thornton ... Thornton, who turned pro in June of 1983 with a one-round knockout over Steve Watters, caught the eye of promoter Russell Peltz for two excellent reasons ... "He sells a lot of tickets ... and he can punch," reported Peltz. So far, Thornton's heavy punches have carried him to a 17-0 record with 16 KOs ... Among his more prominent victims are Sidney Outlaw (KO6), Cecil Pettigrew (KO10), Ernest Jackson (KO2) and Basante Blanco (KO6) ... One of his most spectacular knockouts came over Harry Daniels, who went bye-bye in the second round after fielding a right uppercut which was described by Dave Bontempo of the *Atlantic City Press* as "pulverizing" ... Thornton was an all-star athlete at Glassboro High School and attracts a large contingent of fans from the Glassboro/Millville area of southern New Jersey whenever he fights in Atlantic City ... "Thornton is the king of Glassboro," raved Peltz ... When not trading punches, Thornton works for the US Postal Service as a mailman ... Thornton is managed by the team of Joe Gramby, Tony Coccaro and Lou Clendaniel, who also trains him ... Some of Tony's opponents have given him problems with lateral movement, but to date his punching power has always pulled him through ... No spring chicken at 27, Tony hopes to move on to more meaningful matches in the near future ... "I need a fight to show people I can go some distance," said Thornton following his come-from-behind kayo over Blanco ... However, promoter Peltz will be just as happy if Thornton keeps ending his bouts inside the distance ... and selling tickets. □

TIM BURGESS LIGHTWEIGHT

DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT THE TALENT-RICH LIGHTWEIGHTS just might have a new threat sneaking up on the division's stars. He's unhealded New Yorker Tim Burgess ... A real darkhorse, Burgess has quietly compiled a pro record of 11-1-2 with just one kayo. While these are not the most awesome stats we've ever seen, they become more impressive when you consider the competition. In his last outing, Burgess handed the vastly more experienced Anthony Fletcher his first defeat in 23 starts. Earlier this year, Tim was very unlucky to only receive a draw against touted Miguel "El Zorro" Santana. His other draw, with Marvin Garris, was also debatable ... "Tim Burgess has made himself one of the best young lightweights in the world today," said Madison Square Garden matchmaker Bob Goodman. "He's always in condition and ready to go. He's won three or four bouts he took on short notice." ... "Boxing is Tim's life," said his manager/trainer John Grinage. "He's one of the most disciplined fighters I've ever trained." ... Burgess gets all the quality sparring he needs working with the likes of Terrence Alli, John Wesley Meekins and Tunde Foster at the Times Square Gym ... Lacking a big punch, Burgess has developed a quick and shifty style that usually leaves his adversaries fanning the breeze ... "I never underestimate my opponent. I fight everybody as if they are a world champ, a killer," said Burgess. "But I like to keep a low profile so other fighters will take me lightly." ... Sounds good, but if his present form continues, they won't be taking him lightly too much longer. □



IN THIS CORNER

By Norman Giller

REGGIE GUTTERIDGE (Ringside commentator)

Reggie Gutteridge, a familiar face at ringside at practically every major match on both sides of the Atlantic.

SUGAR RAY LEONARD SPOTTED THE arrival of the Independent-TV team from London and asked: "Where's Reggie?" When told that Britain's 'Voice of Boxing' could not make the trip, Leonard insisted: "Tell the M.C. to announce this fight can't be official."

Sugar Ray was only half joking because there's rarely a major championship fight in the United States without Reggie Gutteridge occupying a ringside seat with a microphone and millions of television viewers for company.

Reggie is the Anglophile in reverse, having become a regular figure at U.S. ringsides for coming up 30 years. It was more than a quarter of a century ago that the Bob Waters column in *Newsday* was headed: 'REGGIE IS BACK IN THE COLONIES.'

Reggie has a thoroughbred boxing background. His grandfather, Arthur, was the first pro in the ring at the opening of the original National Sporting Club in old London's historic Covent Garden in 1898 ("Grandad won, of course . . ."). Arthur later became chief second at the Club.

In those days (when John F. Kennedy was President and Floyd Patterson was heavyweight king) Reggie was a respected reporter with the London *Evening News* and he has continued to make more cross-Atlantic trips than a PanAm pilot, particularly since ITV has become heavily and rewardingly involved in the U.S. boxing scene. ITV has teamed him with former world lightweight champion Jim Watt, and together they ooze authority with punch-perfect fight analyses. Reggie also frequently doubles as the man at the mike for British and Australian closed-circuit coverage of championship contests.

A Cockney with a knife-cutting sense of humor, Reggie has total recall of his career at ringside. I got him reminiscing by asking him what he remembered of his first working trip to the states . . .

"I remember it as though it were yesterday, and you know what a lousy day yesterday was. Isaac Logart was beaten by Virgil Akins in a welterweight showdown at the 'Garden' in 1958. I'm still figuring out how the wrong guy won. So is the New York Commission! But those were the salad days, meaning I was green. It was a memorable trip. From New York I went on to Chicago to report the smashing Robinson-Basilio rematch and then carried on to watch Hogan Bassey defend his world featherweight crown by knocking out Ricardo Moreno in Los Angeles.

"Since then I've made a blanket coverage of the States, from Scranton to San Diego, Lewiston to Louisville, Atlanta to Atlantic City. I'm just coming up to a couple of hundred trips to Las Vegas without having a bet! What are the odds on that? I've also worked amateur boxing from Montreal to Moscow, but the most unusual assignment was being invited to do a commentary for a commercial radio station on a world title fight in the South African black township of Soweto. Floyd Patterson sat alongside me as inter-round summariser. Marvin Hagler did his first 'live' commentary with me at Sun City—for no pay! He was as accurate with his words as he's always been with his fists."

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Reggie's father, Dick, and uncle, Jack, were inseparable twins who became famous seconds and trainers. They coached Primo Carnera and Ben Foord. Dick also assisted Gus Lesnevich in London. They worked opposite corners when Henry Armstrong defeated Ernie Roderick and Tommy Farr shocked Max Baer. Reggie was weaned

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on embrocation because the family ran a gymnasium in the yard of their home that was officially opened in the 1930s by the immortal Jimmy Wilde.

Reggie was an outstanding amateur bantamweight whose career came to an abrupt end when, aged 20, he lost an argument with a Nazi mine during the 1944 Normandy invasion. "The one and only Jim Murray would have said I'd lost a best friend in Normandy," said Reg, with a doff of his cap to the only sportswriter he would bracket with his old London evening newspaper rival and pal George Whiting. "Jim would have been poetic, saying that it was a friend who walked to big fights, skipped alongside famous names, danced a decent foxtrot and kicked other kids in the butt. The friend was the best part of my left leg. In fact, you could say I played a big part in the film, *The Longest Day.*"

I feel well qualified to write about Reggie because I've been in his corner for more than 30 years. Back in the early days I was his copyboy at the *Evening News* and he used to delight in sending me down to his parked car on the Thames Embankment, just off Fleet Street, to get his spare leg for his nights out when he needed to change his shoes. He's called me his 'leg man' ever since. I remember Reg, false leg 'n' all, leaping up on to his desk in delight when Terry Spinks and Dick McTaggart won gold medals for Britain in the 1956 Olympics. It was only a campaign by Reg in his punch-packed *News* column that won selection for Spinks after the selectors had said they could not afford to send him. Reggie has since covered every Olympics and will be ringside in Seoul.

If he'll pardon the pun, Reggie loves to pull legs. Ferdie Pacheco recalled in his book how Reggie challenged Sonny Liston to a tough-guy contest and began by thrusting an ice-pick into his leg. Liston quit even quicker than when facing Ali in Lewiston.

I asked Reg what has been his favorite era in boxing. He replied with the speed of a Ray Leonard counter punch: "The Muhammad Ali years. I followed

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him throughout his entire career from the Rome Olympics to the sad end against Holmes and Berbick. I was often a critic of Ali's, but I adored him. We became and remain pals."

Reggie was a witness for Ali recently in an ITV show I've devised called *'Who's the Greatest?'* Ali was matched against Rocky Marciano who had Henry Cooper arguing for him. A 12-man neutral jury voted 9-3 in favor of Ali after hearing all the evidence, with Reggie's tribute one of the decisive highlights.

Who's the Greatest for Reggie? "Without doubt, Sugar Ray Robinson," he said. "Ali was the king heavyweight and it will be interesting to see how Mike Tyson develops. He has all the makings of an all-time great."

Married for more than 30 years to the lovely Connie and with two gorgeous daughters, Reggie keeps his writing hand in with the *Mail on Sunday, Boxing News* and *TVTimes.* He is also an author of several boxing books, the latest in partnership with me in which we have traced the men and the moments that have helped shape Mike Tyson. It's a paperback called *'For Whom the Bell Tolls'* and it was on sale in London within seven days of Mike's world title victory over Bonecrusher Smith and, thanks to computer-printing, included a full ringside report of the fight.

"Just to think," said Reggie, "when I started in this business they were keytapping Western Union cables at ringside. Now it's all satellites, computers and hightech. But you can't computerise boxing and boxers and it remains the greatest of all sports. I feel privileged to have seen and reported on the best."

And it's been a privilege listening *In this Corner.* Long may he continue to bring up his authorative commentaries. □

A young Reggie (on the left looking engrossed) shares a moment with Floyd Patterson and Howard Cosell.

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FOR MARK BRELAND
WBC welterweight titleholder

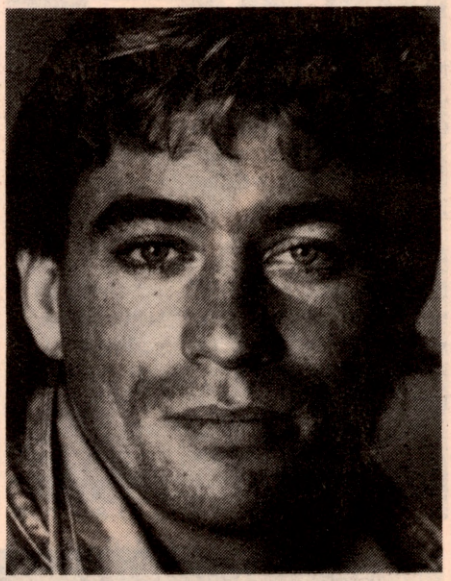
Q: I heard that you used to snort cocaine. Is it true?
M.K., NEW YORK CITY

A: Yes, I once did so much my heart was beating real hard and my nose was bleeding and I got real scared. I just stopped. It changes your personality, makes you paranoid, but I knew that was not me. I had a choice, to be this way or to be that way. I'd see these guys going down, borrowing things, not dressing like they used to, out on the streets stealing, and I decided I didn't want to be like them.

FOR MIKE TYSON
WBA and WBC heavyweight champion

Q: What do you think of Gerry Cooney?
H.P.M., HOUSTON, TX

A: Emotionally, deep down inside, Cooney is a bully. He only wants to pick on guys smaller than him. He fights guys he knows he can knock out, and he does it just to satisfy his ego.



FOR DONNY LA LONDE
Light heavyweight contender

Q: So you beat a washed-up middleweight (Mustafa Hamsho) for something called the Continental Americas light heavyweight title. Do you really believe such a phony belt means anything?
F.H., WINNIPEG, CANADA

A: It isn't the world title, but it is a huge step. After all the years, the ups and downs, the controversies . . . this is very satisfying.

FOR EVANDER HOLYFIELD
Heavyweight contender

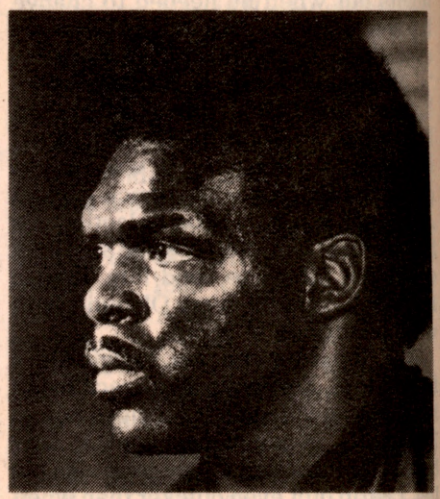
Q: When are you going to fight Mike Tyson?
R.G., ATLANTA, GA

A: I'm about a year away from fighting Tyson. But if I'm to be the fighter I want to be, I'd have to beat Tyson and I know I have the style to do it.

FOR LLOYD HONEYGHAN
World welterweight champion

Q: I saw your fight with Maurice Blocker on TV and you didn't look so hot. You were nowhere near as effective as you were against Donald Curry and Johnny Bumphus. What happened?
O.F., SKIPPACK, PA

A: Training in the south of France was a good idea that went wrong. In two weeks, I only managed to spar four times. I lost about 40 rounds of sparring. It was two weeks of disruption but for which I think I would have stopped Blocker.



FOR TONY TUBBS
Former WBA heavyweight titleholder

Q: For a guy who seems to have an abundance of natural ability you really haven't accomplished too much in your career. Do you think you will ever win the heavyweight title again?
J.W., CINCINNATI, OHIO

A: Get a front row seat now, because it will happen. I'm gonna make certain.

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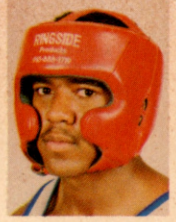

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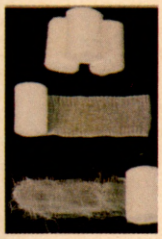

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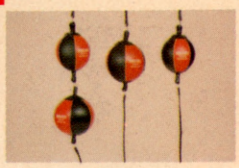

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